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A NICE POLITICAL PROBLEM

CAN SHERMAN HOLD HIS SOUTHERN VOTES?

WHY THE SECRETARY WAS AIDED BY COTTON STATE POLITICIANS—THE COLORED DELEGATES AT HEART AGAINST HIM—CHARACTERISTIC EFFORTS TO CONTROL THEM—HOW THEY ARE TO BE ENTERTAINED AND GUARDED IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, May 25.—The highest disinterested estimate of Mr. Sherman's strength in the National Convention gives him 96 votes. Of this number, 35 are counted from the Southern States, as follows: From Georgia, 8; Mississippi, 6; North Carolina, 6; Tennessee, 6, and Louisiana, 7. It may be conceded that the Secretary has the Southern votes claimed for him. Still, there are many good reasons to believe that, despite every effort of his managers here, a majority of them will desert him before one ballot is taken in the national meeting. The force of this statement will be the better appreciated when it is remembered that nearly all Mr. Sherman's Southern supporters are colored men, who are fully aware of the undisputed fact that by favoring him they grossly misrepresent their constituents. Not only this. It is still further a fact that of these colored delegates themselves, nearly every one is at heart in favor of the candidacy of Gen. Grant, and to that extent at least opposed to Mr. Sherman. Why, then, it may be asked, were they elected in his interest, and how, with such a universal feeling against him, was it possible for them to obtain credentials from a constituency of Southern Republicans? Without going into all the disgraceful details of the Sherman canvass in the South, it can be stated in this connection that Mr. Sherman through his friends and agents bought every Southern delegate whose vote he now claims. Bought them, perhaps not with so much money paid down, but with promises and actual appointments to Federal positions. The Secretary of the Treasury was the better able to exert this kind of influence because of the fact that throughout the South, excepting only the States of South Carolina and Alabama, all the agents of the Treasury, of the revenue, the Post-Office, and the Department of Justice have for months past been working steadily and faithfully to bring support to his candidacy. In this effort they have from some source been plentifully supplied with money, and by freely using it and their official influence they have contrived, as has been shown, to gain a few votes for their master. But can they hold the votes so secured? The question is one which even the most sanguine of Mr. Sherman's managers are not always ready to answer in the affirmative. On the contrary, many of them are already displaying much anxiety in regard to the matter, and are at their wits' end to know how best to deliver the goods they seem to have secured. In North Carolina, Georgia, and Mississippi, it is now freely admitted that the colored men who were elected as Sherman delegates are not fully to be relied upon. Since the meetings of the State Conventions by which they were chosen they have on nearly every hand been denounced as traitors to their race and to the best interests of their party. Their constituents, almost to a man, clamor loudly for the nomination of Gen. Grant, and heap unmeasured reproach upon their faithless representatives. Knowing all this, the Secretary's managers in the South have recently held numerous consultations, in the hope that there might be devised some means by which to hold their men. One plan, which originated in the fertile brain of a special agent in Georgia, and the details of which I learned while in Atlanta, a few days ago, was to get all the colored delegates into one house in Chicago, to provide them liberally with everything necessary to their creature comfort, and keep them so carefully guarded that the much-dreaded Grant men would have no opportunity of influencing them. Still further, the programme in question contemplates the purchase of railway tickets or the procurement of passes to and from Chicago for all Sherman's Southern delegates. And how much the colored men will be influenced by attentions of this sort will be understood when it is remembered that most of them are almost without a dollar in the world.

But it is not only with free meals, free drinks, and free passes that their luke-warm allegiance is to be kept alive. To those of them who have opinions of their own, and a number of such men are among the Sherman delegates, it has been conveyed the truly new and startling intelligence that Gen. Grant is not a candidate for the Presidency, that his name will be withdrawn when the Convention meets, and that the man whom he most wishes to see in the White House is the "world-famed financier and reformer, John Sherman." Nor is this all. It is further very freely stated by the Secretary's confidential agents, not only in the South, but in Ohio and here in Chicago, that as between Sherman and Blaine Senator Conkling is unqualifiedly in favor of the latter, and that when it becomes evident that Gen. Grant cannot be nominated all the Senator's personal friends on the New-York delegation will wheel into line and give enthusiastic support to the Secretary. Whether these innocent victims of civil service reform, Chester A. Arthur and A. R. Cornell, are included in the list of gentlemen who are expected to engage in the performance indicated does not appear. It can be stated, however, that, in recent conversation with a well-known Republican who spoke with him on the subject, Mr. Sherman referred to the fact that he had, in the last New-York campaign, spoken for Gov. Cornell, under the direction of the Chairman of the State Committee, Gen. Arthur, and said, in substance, that he did not think there would be any difficulty in adjusting the little difference regarding the New-York Custom-house which he formerly had with those gentlemen.

Of course, no sane man who knows anything of recent American politics can believe for a moment that either the imperious Conkling or Gen. Arthur will ever forgive the injury which was done him by Mr. Sherman, but I am assured upon the best authority that he, Sherman, fully believes that a reconciliation can be brought about. Again, he is either wilfully deceiving his friends, or he really is by interested flatterers so blinded to the truth as to believe that he will be able to secure the nomination against Gen. Grant. Ten days ago, while in Georgia, I saw a letter which he had written to a friend of his in that State, and in which he said distinctly and without any qualification that Gen. Grant would not be nominated, and that his name might not be presented to the Convention. It is by such statements as these that the Secretary imposes upon his more prominent Southern followers. The methods by which he retains the warm support of professional politicians in the South, men of ability like ex-Congressman Elliott, of South Carolina, Deputy Collector Dunn, of New-Orleans, and Revenue Collector Hill, of Mississippi, men who depend upon political position for their bread and butter, and whose political code teaches them to pick out the winning side and stick (or it early and late, are quite as adroit as is his manner of dealing with prominent and disinterested gentlemen. By one means or another he has been able to impress upon the class of office-holders referred to that he is reasonably sure of the nomination to the Presidency, and that if he fails to get it he will still be in a position to dictate terms to his successful rival; terms which would include his own retention as Secretary of the Treasury and comfortable places for those who aided him in the great contest. It is even intimated that Gen. Grant cannot be nominated without Sherman's votes, and that they will never be given to him until it is settled that the incoming Administration will continue the Secretary in the Cabinet. Some days ago, while in Louisiana, I had a long conversation upon this subject with a prominent supporter of Sherman, an office-holder, and one of the shrewdest politicians in the South. Knowing that his confidence would not be betrayed, he spoke very freely, and among other things said: "No, Sherman can't be nominated. We pretend to think otherwise; but, of course, there are some of us who know that he will never come within 200 votes of the nomination."

"Then, why do you support him?" I asked. "Why not, for your own sake, aid the man who is most likely to be the candidate, and who would have the power to keep you in office?"

With much significance he replied: "For the simple reason that we have been able to make direct terms with Sherman—because we are sure that Grant can't be nominated without Sherman's votes, and because we have no doubt that he will stay in the Treasury Department and look after his friends."

From this statement it is very safe to argue that the office-holders in the South who have been made delegates in Sherman's interest will support him until ordered to cast their votes in another direction. As to the colored delegates, the men who have nothing but promises to support their faith in the Secretary, no such calculation can be made. At heart they are for Grant. Even more than ordinary white men they are, of course, anxious to be on the winning side. When they come to Chicago and find that all the popular enthusiasm is for Grant and against Sherman, when they find that "the man who won the war" and gave them their liberties is, in all probability, to be the next President, it is more than likely that they will be found shouting loudest in the general hurrah for him. Then, unless all signs fail, Mr. Sherman's agents will find that their free pass, free lunch, and free guard-house scheme will not be altogether successful. None of the delegates from the South, who are counted upon to support the Secretary, are under instructions, and it is very safe to predict that, after they have been a few hours in Chicago, the majority of them will be found hand in hand with the most earnest friends of U. S. Grant. H. C.

PREPARING FOR THE DELEGATES.

CHICAGO, May 25.—Senator Don Cameron arrived from the East to-night and registered at the Palmer House. The National Republican Sub-Committee, composed of Powell Clayton, of Arkansas; John C. New, of Indiana, and Chauncey I. Filley, of St. Louis, of which Senator Cameron and Thomas B. Keogh, of South Carolina, are ex-officio members, is now in the city, superintending the final arrangements at the Exposition Building. These are nearly completed. The exact seating capacity of the building is not yet ascertained; but to-day it was decided to allow 17½ inches for each person. This will give a capacity for from 10,000 to 12,000. The seats will all be numbered, with tickets to correspond. The committee visited the building to-day, and examined the supports and tried the acoustics of the hall. When the hammering was hushed a speaker on the stage could be heard in the remotest part. The acoustics will be thoroughly tested by means of concerts to be held in the building the last three nights of this week. The local Executive Committee held a meeting this afternoon and decided to turn over the building to the National Sub-committee, which will have entire control of the issue of tickets. The Hon. William E. Chandler, of New-Hampshire, arrived to-day, and his quarters at the Grand Pacific became at once the centre for the supporters of Mr. Blaine. He refused to be interviewed. In the evening it was decided to have one section of the Blaine head-quarters at the Burdick House, at Wabash-avenue and Adams-street, within one block of the Exposition Building, for convenience. A few delegates and a good many politicians have arrived, but the rush is not expected to fairly set in before Saturday.

A MIXED PARTY.

ALBANY, May 25.—The following is a list of Senators and others who, at the invitation of Senator Webster Wagner, will accompany him to Chicago in his private palace car, "The Duchess," which will start on Friday morning next, leaving New-York at 10:30 A. M.: Senators William H. Robertson, William W. Rockwell, William B. Woodin, L. B. Sessions, D. McCarthy, I. N. Baker, jr., W. W. Brusan, Assemblymen James W. Husted, C. M. Depew, J. R. Rieter, J. J. Belden, John B. Dutcher, and James D. Johnson. All meals will be served on board the car. The party will reach Chicago on Saturday afternoon, where quarters have been secured at the Palmer House by Senator Wagner.

ELECTING STATE OFFICERS.

THE RHODE ISLAND LEGISLATURE CHOOSES A REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

PROVIDENCE, May 25.—The General Assembly met at Newport this morning. After the usual procession from the Governor's head-quarters to the State-house, both houses organized by the choice of the officers nominated last night, appointed a committee to count the votes for general officers, and took a recess until 3:30 this afternoon.

The General Assembly reassembled in Grand Committee this afternoon, when the Counting Committee reported that for Governor, Alfred H. Littlefield (Rep.) had 10,224; Horace A. Kimball, (Dem.,) 7,440; Albert C. Howard, (Prohb.,) 5,047; scattering, 98—no choice. For Lieutenant-Governor, Henry H. Fay, (Rep.,) had 10,305; Stephen P. Slocum, (Dem.,) 7,563; H. H. Richardson, (Prohib.,) 4,447; scattering 89—no choice. The Republican candidates for Secretary of State, Attorney-General, and General Treasurer were elected by over 7,600 majority. The General Committee thereupon proceeded to elect a Governor and Lieutenant-Governor from the constitutional candidates—those having the highest number of votes. For Governor, Alfred H. Littlefield received 52 votes, and Horace A. Kimball 20. Mr. Littlefield was thereupon declared elected. For Lieutenant-Governor, H. H. Fay received 61 votes against S. P. Slocum's 21, and was declared elected. Messrs. Littlefield and Fay appeared, were duly received, and took their seats. Gov. Van Zandt on retiring from the chair made a speech of welcome to his successor, to which Gov. Littlefield made response. Official proclamations were made from the balcony of the State-house, and were saluted by artillery. The new Governor was then escorted to his quarters, the Assembly having adjourned until to-morrow.

THE SOLDIERS' CONVENTION.

CHICAGO, May 25.—The local Executive Committee of the National Republican Soldiers' Convention, to be held at Haverly's Theatre on June 1, has established its head-quarters at the Palmer House, where the Chairmen of the different State delegations will report on arrival here. The transportation of delegates has been fixed at the rate of 2 cents per mile over all the roads running hither.

STEAM-SHIP LINES CONSOLIDATED.

GLASGOW, May 25.—A meeting of the shareholders of the State Line Steam-ship Company here to-day approved the proposal to transfer the undertaking to the Anchor Line Steam-ship Company.

YELLOW FEVER IN HAVANA.

HAVANA, May 25.—Eight deaths from yellow fever occurred in this city during the week ending Friday last. The decrease in the number of deaths is owing to the recent cool rains and high winds. The mortality will doubtless increase with the advancing heat.

THE WHITTAKER INVESTIGATION.

POUGHKEEPSIE, May 25.—The Whittaker Court of Inquiry will not meet until Friday, May 28, at 10 A. M.

MAKING A WAY FOR FRAUD

THE BOURBONS ASSAIL THE SUPERVISORS' LAW.

THE OFFICE TO BE PRACTICALLY ABOLISHED FOR PARTY REASONS—VIGOROUS REPUBLICAN ATTACKS ON THE DEMOCRATIC POSITION—MR. VOORHEES MAKES A SILLY EXHIBITION OF HIMSELF.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—In the debate upon the Bayard Supervisors' bill to-day, the Democrats of the Senate were at last forced to abandon their policy of silence. It is generally admitted that it was the liveliest day in that body since the extra session. A large number of pension bills were disposed of as morning business, and Mr. Bayard's bill was not taken up until 1:30 o'clock. This bill proposes to turn out of office on July 1 all Supervisors of Election, and to have their successors appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. By existing law they are appointed by the courts.

At the beginning of the discussion, Mr. Bayard disclaimed any intention to abolish the office of Supervisor, and said that he simply desired to limit the term of office, which could now be ended only by resignation or death. He therefore accepted an amendment offered by Mr. Hoar, which provides that the President may appoint Supervisors when the Senate is not in session, and that they shall serve until the next session of the Senate. Under this amendment there will be Supervisors at the coming election of President. Mr. Hoar directed attention to the action of the Democrats, who had taken from the Executive and given the courts the appointment of Deputy Marshals, and had taken from the courts and given the Executive the appointment of the Supervisors. Mr. Bayard's defense of the course, which he was compelled to make in order to conceal the real purpose of his bill, was quite unsatisfactory.

Mr. Conkling made a vigorous speech in denunciation of the Democratic attacks upon the safeguards of the ballot-box. Admitting that argument would be useless against the determination of the Democrats to carry the bill by mere force of numbers, he expressed a desire to address the Executive and the people, who had been deluded into the belief that the Democrats had undergone a change of heart since the extra session. He wished to show them that the bill was only a link in a chain of laws intended to nullify the regulations on which our elections depended for fairness, and to commit the result of elections to the unbridled behest of a political majority. The bill was aimed at Supervisor Davenport, of New-York, more than at any of the other Supervisors, and the proceedings against him in the courts showed that the courts could remove, and that, therefore, was a provision for ending the term of this office. The court had decided that he did not deserve removal, but Congress proposed this judgment because the man was in the Democratic Party's way. Mr. Conkling contrasted the quiet movements of the Democrats at this session with the noisy proceeding in the extra session. They had learned wisdom, but their purpose had not changed, as he showed by a recapitulation of the bills by which they were attempting to destroy all law by which fraud and riot had been prevented. He praised their skill, and declared their passage of these bills, without incurring chastisement from public sentiment, would be an unparalleled feat of partisan dexterity.

Mr. Carpenter having said that the Democrats would at one blow abolish all these safeguards if they were not sure that so comprehensive a measure would be vetoed, Mr. McDonald admitted that they would like to repeal them all. Knowing that they could not, they intended to make them as ineffective as possible.

In answer to his statement that Supervisors and Marshals had driven Democrats from the polls, Mr. Teller took the floor and showed how the Democrats, after having overthrown the Supervisors in South Carolina, had filled the boxes with tissue ballots, and how voters had been intimidated by Democrats in Tensas Parish, La. He arraigned the Democratic Senators for having been afraid to speak upon important questions during the session. They had done nothing but intrigue for the capture of the Government at the next election.

At this point the real purpose of the bill was shown by an amendment offered by Mr. Thurman. This amendment provides that among the Supervisors appointed by the President there shall be none who have before held that office. Mr. Thurman declared that Supervisor Davenport had been so infamous that he would bar out all the other Supervisors in order to prevent his reappointment.

Mr. Edmunds asked if there was any precedent *for saying that a man should not hold* an office because he had held it before.

Mr. Thurman consumed several minutes in placing so-called precedents before the Senate, but found none, and utterly failed to answer the question.

Mr. Hoar then reviewed the history of recent Democratic frauds, including in the list the fraudulent naturalization papers issued in New-York, and made an eloquent appeal to the Democrats to spare some of the defenses which had been raised against the election frauds. For six months they had been in session, and had produced only an attack upon the magistrate who had rescued New-York from the vileness which threatened the stability of the Republic. Instead of aiding those who were trying to prevent frauds, they sought to degrade and disqualify these very men.

An interesting colloquy ensued between Mr. Hoar and the two Senators from South Carolina, in which the relative purity of their two States was the theme. Mr. Hampton and Mr. Butler declared that the tissue ballots were a Republican invention, but admitted that they had been used by the Democrats of Charleston. They also asserted that the colored voters of the South were fond of Democratic rule, and that tens of thousands of them were good Democrats. Mr. Hoar was told that his State should have a smaller number of Representatatives, because 126,000 of its adult male inhabitants were disfranchised by an educational qualification. But the evidence of Southern Democratic frauds was again placed before the Senate, and it proved to be too strong to be overcome.

The great sensation of the day was to come. At 5 o'clock, Mr. Voorhees sprang into the arena with a very red face, and in a high, shrill tone commanded the Republicans to name the subject which, according to Mr. Teller's assertion, the Democrats had been afraid to discuss. The faces of his fellow-Democrats grew long, while the amused Republicans gathered around him in order that they might not lose any part of the exhibition. The excited Senator repeated his demand again and again, and shook his fist wildly in the air. "Do not, ye men," he cried, "should charge the Democrats with cowardice and go unchallenged." "Name the subjects," he cried to Senator Conkling. "Life is too short," replied that Senator. It was apparent that Mr. Voorhees was so affected by anger or some other irritant that he would not submit to ordinary argument, but at last Mr. Edmunds, over whose head he was shaking his fist, replied that upon the Marshals rider and other measures the Democrats had been as dumb as oysters that had been dead for weeks. Mr. Conkling suggested the currency question, and this had the effect upon Mr. Voorhees that a red rag has on a mad bull. "Don't you want to discuss the third term?" he cried. Mr. Conkling replied that no one was in a delirium of anxiety about a third term except those who were longing for a first term, and at this all eyes were turned upon David Davids, who was smoking in the doorway of the cloak-room. Mr. Voorhees then declared that Mr. Conkling had never dared to express an opinion on the currency question, and Mr. Conkling, in a dignified manner, replied that his vote had been recorded unfavorably upon all financial questions, and that he had never held but one position in regard to them. When Mr. Voorhees declared that he would turn his attention to the bill, there was a sigh of relief on the Democratic side. After he had spoken for a few minutes upon the bill, Mr. Bayard moved to adjourn, and adjournment prevented the Senator from Indiana from any further exhibition.

It had been the intention of the Democrats to sit into the night, for the purpose of reaching a vote, but the possibility that Mr. Voorhees would again take the floor led them to abandon this intention and postpone the conclusion of the debate until to-morrow. The scene in the Senate which followed Mr. Voorhees's entrance would be difficult to describe, and will not soon be forgotten.

THE PUBLIC BUILDING BILLS.

A STUBBORN CONTEST IN THE HOUSE—A REFUSAL TO PROVIDE ROOM FOR STORING SILVER DOLLARS.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—In the House, to-day, the contest over the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill was so stubborn that at the hour of adjournment only 21 of the 50 pages which compose it had been acted upon. The advocates of appropriations for starting new public buildings, who obstructed the progress of the bill yesterday, abandoned their filibustering tactics to-day, and those items of the bill making appropriations for continuing work on buildings now in course of construction were passed substantially as reported by the committee.

There seems to be a misunderstanding in the public mind touching the character and purpose of the opposition made yesterday over those paragraphs of the bill. The Committee on Appropriations did not report any appropriation in the pending bill for the commencement of new buildings, but confined themselves to making provision for continuing work on those now in course of construction, the aggregate amount reported for this purpose being about $2,300,000. The Committee on Public Buildings reported 42 bills authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase sites and begin the erection of as many buildings, and Saturday last was fixed as the time for their consideration. The consideration of these bills was defeated by dilatory motions which irritated the public building advocates, and with a view of forcing some of their measures into the Appropriation bill, they started the filibustering movement of yesterday against the appropriations for finishing buildings now in course of erection. In support of their position, the Committee on Public Buildings produced a tabulated statement, in which it was shown that the Government is now paying annually for rent of buildings $1,500,000, which sum is equal to the interest at 4 per cent. on $37,500,000, and it is claimed that by an expenditure of about $16,000,000 the sum now annually paid for rent of buildings would be saved to the Treasury.

The item appropriating $100,000 to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to provide suitable accommodations for the storage of silver was fiercely attacked by the advocates of the silver dollar. They charge the Secretary of the Treasury with a studied purpose to evade the law, in permitting silver dollars to accumulate in the Treasury vaults, and further charged that this item for increased storage was a covert attack on the standard dollar, made for the purpose of discrediting that coin. If the law had been honestly administered, and silver paid out for interest on the public debt, and for other current demands, there would now be no plethora of silver in the Treasury, and no apparent necessity even, for additional storage room. These gentlemen seem to forget that the very law for the integrity of which they declaim so lustily, forces the Secretary to store the silver dollars in the public vaults, by requiring the Treasurer of the United States to exchange the coins for certificates upon demand, when presented in sums of $20 and upward. An executive order, requiring all disbursing officers to pay in silver dollars at least 20 per cent. of the amounts disbursed to public creditors, has failed to maintain standard silver dollars in circulation for the reason that those who receive the silver at one window of the cash rooms of Sub-Treasuries can immediately have them exchanged at the next window for silver certificates, and the coins thus exchanged must be held to redeem the certificates thus issued. But independent of this natural operation of the Silver law, the people refuse to accept silver dollars, and even Mr. Bland, who declaimed to-day so violently against the Secretary of the Treasury, will not accept the full amount of his monthly pay in his favorite coin, and demands silver certificates, United States notes, or gold coin. Two years' experience with the Silver law has simply fulfilled the predictions of those who opposed its passage and demonstrated the folly of attempting to make the people accept 90 cents in lieu of 100 cents. The proper way to correct the evil would be to stop coining silver dollars, but the House did not take this view of the matter, and struck out the item for constructing new vaults with a hurrah similar to that which marked the passage of the Silver bill.

The question now naturally arises, *If the people will not take silver dollars, what will* the Secretary of the Treasury do with those added to the present stock on hand, issued monthly from the Mints, when the present storage capacity of the Treasury vaults is exhausted? Mr. Bland replies: "Let the banks store them in their vaults." But as the banks have the same privilege enjoyed by Mr. Bland of exchanging silver dollars for silver certificates, it is not likely that they will crowd their vaults simply to relieve those of the Treasury.

DESTROYED BY GASOLINE.

A HOUSE BLOWN UP AND FIVE PERSONS PROBABLY KILLED.

CINCINNATI, May 25.—A terrible gasoline accident, resulting probably in the death of five persons, happened to-day at Piqua, in this State. Mrs. Fanny Jones, who resides in High-street, had a barrel of gasoline placed in her cellar, to be used as fuel for a small gas-stove, used for cooking. This morning the barrel seemed, by the smell, to be leaking, and Frederick W. Amendt, a neighboring grocer, and two boys named Perdue, about 16 and 19 years old, respectively, went into the cellar to see what was the matter. One of them struck a light, and instantly an explosion occurred, which shattered the building from cellar to roof, and threw a mass of brick and shingles 50 feet in the air. In an instant the whole house was a mass of flames. Mr. Amendt and the younger Perdue, burned and blackened, managed to escape from the blazing cellar. Mrs. Jones jumped out of a second-story window and escaped with severe bruises. Her sister, Miss Kate Newland, ran into the street, with her clothes in flames, and was badly burned before they were extinguished. The elder Perdue was buried in the ruins. The sufferers were cared for at once, and everything possible was done to alleviate their pain. The boy, a mass of roasted flesh, lived two hours in terrible agony until death came to his relief. Mr. Amendt died this afternoon, and Miss Newland, the fourth victim, is not expected to survive the night. The mother of the Perdue boys is lying in spasms, and it is feared she will not recover. Mr. Amendt was a popular and respected young business man. He leaves a young wife. The house was a fine two-story brick structure, valued at $6,500. It is a total loss.

JUDGE COLE'S CASE.

DES MOINES, Iowa, May 25.—The trial of Judge C. C. Cole for disbarment in the United States courts, set for to-day, came to a sudden end. Judge Cole yesterday presented to the Prosecuting Attorney, representing the State Bar Association, an additional answer, in which he made a retraction of the charges against Judge Dillon and other members of the United States court, and expressed the belief that in nowise was the integrity of the court impugned. This was held by a committee of the State Bar Association accepted as being sufficient, and at the time set for the trial this afternoon as stated to the court, and said it joined with the attorney of Cole in asking that the case be dismissed. Judge Miller and Judge McCrary were sitting in the case, and Justice Miller in a few words expressing his regrets that it had been necessary to commence such proceeding, and his pleasure that the matter had been amicably arranged, stated that the court would grant the request of counsel of the two sides, and dismiss the case. This disposition of the case gives general satisfaction.

ITHACA, N. Y., May 25.—The Hon. Erastus Brooks, of New-York, to-night began a course of lectures before the students of Cornell University on the rise and progress of Journalism.

AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN LANDS

THE POWERS AND THE TREATY OF BERLIN.

REPORTED FAILURE OF THE SCHEME FOR A JOINT NOTE TO THE PORTE—GERMANY'S POSITION—A CONFERENCE PROPOSED TO SETTLE THE GREEK QUESTION.

LONDON, May 25.—A Berlin correspondent asserts that the proposal to present an identical note to the Porte has fallen through, the assent of all the signatory powers not having been obtained.

Another Berlin dispatch says: "Germany has withdrawn her objections to a conference of representatives of the signatory powers of the Berlin treaty at Berlin, but stipulates that a definite programme shall be framed before the conference is called. The powers are now agreed that if the use of force shall become necessary in Turkey, all the powers shall combine for common action."

Reuter's Telegram Company has the following from Berlin: "Intelligence has been received here from Paris to the effect that France has proposed that the International Commission which was to deal with the rectification of the Greek frontier be abandoned, and, instead, that a supplementary conference of the powers meet immediately to settle the question; also, that England and some of the other powers have already assented to this proposal, and the assent of the remainder is confidently expected."

THE NEW BRITISH REGIME.

SIR WILLIAM HARCOURT ELECTED FOR DERBY—THE CLAYTON-BULWER TREATY—PROPOSED MEDIATION IN SOUTH AMERICA.

LONDON, May 25.—Sir William Harcourt, Secretary of State for the Home Department, who was defeated by the Conservative candidate—Mr. Hall—at Oxford, on coming before that constituency for re-election to Parliament, after taking office in the Ministry, has been elected for Derby without opposition.

In the House of Commons to-day, Sir Charles Dilke, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in reply to Sir Henry Wolff, stated that the Government is not in communication with the United States upon the question of the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

Mr. Gladstone announced that the Government expects within a short time to receive the answers of certain powers who have been invited to participate in the proposed concert of action with regard to the Berlin treaty. When these are received, Mr. Goschen's instructions will be completed, and will probably be presented to the House with the other Eastern papers.

Mr. Gladstone's motion, referring the Bradlaugh case to a select committee, was agreed to.

Mr. Gladstone stated that Sir Bartle Frere has not been recalled from South Africa because he is engaged in arranging a scheme of colonial confederation which must be given a fair chance.

Earl Granville received to-day at the Foreign Office a deputation of members of Parliament on the subject of mediation by the British Government between Chili and Peru. Earl Granville declared that newspaper reports are could not be admitted to the interview, as the subject would be discussed in Parliament. A private report states that Earl Granville told the Parliamentary deputation that he would, if a favorable opportunity offered, do his utmost to bring about mediation between the South American belligerents.

Gen. Sir Garnet Wolseley and staff arrived at Plymouth to-day from South Africa.

LONDON, May 26.—The *Post* states that Sir Henry Wolff, Mr. Fowler, and Mr. O'Donnell have received anonymous letters from persons threatening to murder them for the part they have taken in opposing the admission of Mr. Charles Bradlaugh to the House.

THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

M. LEON SAY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE—THE COMMUNISTIC TROUBLE.

PARIS, May 25.—M. Léon Say was to-day elected President of the Senate. He received 147 votes against 4 for M. Le Royer, 2 for M. Pelletan, 1 for M. Simon, and 1 for M. De Gavardie. There were also 121 blank or invalid voting papers.

M. Englehard has raised a discussion in the Municipal Council regarding the measures taken by the Prefect of Police in connection with the Communist demonstration on Sunday last. An order of the day was adopted, stating that the Council blames the Prefect for giving orders to his subordinates, the execution of which, by renewing the most detestable proceedings of the Empire, involved a serious encroachment upon the liberty of citizens. The Prefect of Police left the Council Hall as soon as M. Engelhard broached the *question, declaring that the matter* was beyond the sphere of the Council's deliberations. The order of the day was passed by a vote of 54 to 7—15 Councilors abstaining from voting. The newspapers announce that the Government, being convinced that certain foreigners are promoting Socialist agitation in Paris, have resolved to banish all foreigners who signed the protests published in the Radical journal against the proceedings of the Police on Sunday, together with other foreign Socialists, who are the most active agitators. The Deputies for Paris have decided to ask of the Minister of the Interior explanations regarding the action of the Police on Sunday, before bringing the matter before the Chamber.

M. Feffer has not withdrawn from the candidacy for member of the Chamber of Deputies from Lyons.

LONDON, May 26.—A Paris telegram states that the Chamber of Deputies has passed the Tancarville Canal bill, which is designed to give Havre easy access to the Seine and the interior of France.

LONDON, May 26.—A Paris correspondent says the Right abstained from voting in the election for President of the Senate yesterday. The correspondent understands that M. Waddington has accepted the London Embassy.

A Paris dispatch states that late on Monday night, M. Jules Simon, learning M. Say had been adopted as the candidate of the Left, declared that he positively refused to stand against him. The leaders of the various groups of the Right thereupon decided to deposit blank voting papers. M. De Freycinet attended the Senate purposely to show that he cordially deferred to the will of the majority of the Left. Some say that the rumor that M. Waddington has succeeded M. Say as Ambassador to London is at present imaginary. M. Waddington having firmly refused the post a few months ago, he is not likely to have changed his mind.

CURRENT FOREIGN TOPICS.

LONDON, May 25.—A Vienna correspondent says: "A most painful sensation has been caused here by the sudden insanity of one of Austria's highest dignitaries, Prince William, of Montenuovo, son of the Archduchess Marie Louise, formerly wife of Napoleon I., by her second and morganatic marriage with the Count de Neipperg, having been conveyed to a lunatic asylum. Pecuniary trouble is the cause of his misfortune."

A Pesth dispatch says that Count Victor Zichy, former Under Secretary of State in the Tisza Ministry, who was forced to resign after being accused in the newspapers of dishonest transactions, and Count Stephen Karolyi, fought a duel on Monday. Count Zichy was seriously wounded, and will scarcely survive the day.

A Lisbon dispatch says: "A ministerial bill providing for the issue of an external loan of £4,000,000 has been presented in the Cortes. The proceeds are to be used to pay the floating debt, &c."

A St. Petersburg correspondent reports that the preliminaries of negotiations for conveyance to Vladivostock, has recently been much accelerated. The correspondent's information leads him to believe that it has been decided, in the event of a rupture with China, to act as much as possible on the defensive. The Russian fleet would not blockade any Chinese ports which trade with Europe, but would confine itself chiefly to the waters between Japan and the coast of the trans-Amoor district, and thus prevent Japan from aiding China.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 25.—The Imperial Bank of Russia announces an issue of 4 per cent. consolidated Russian railway obligations to the nominal amount of 150,000,000 silver rubles.

ROME, May 25.—The calculations of the Government give the Administration a majority of 39 over the Right and Dissident Left taken together. Persons who speak authoritatively on the Right, however, claim to have 25 more seats than the Government admits. There will have to be about 60 supplementary elections, in consequence of some members having been elected for more than one constituency, a larger number of officers being elected than, according to law, can sit in Parliament. It seems to be generally considered that these elections have not much altered the state of the parties, and will leave the Government a small majority.

Italy has taken the initiative in regard to claims to be presented to Chili for compensation to foreigners in consequence of the bombardment of various towns in Peru and Bolivia. France and England have adhered to Italy's course.

King Humbert has appointed Signor Tacchio President of the Senate. Signor Tacchio was President of the last Senate.

BERLIN, May 25.—The election at Reuthingen, Wurtemburg, has resulted in the return of a popular, if not a Democratic, candidate by 5,860 votes, against 3,620 polled by the Internationalist candidate. On the other hand, a Clerical has been chosen at Passau, Bavaria, by 7,494 votes against 1,790 laboriously scraped together by the Liberal candidate.

The Prussian Ministry has made known that it does not intend to withdraw the Clerical bill now before the Prussian Diet, because of the altered attitude of the Vatican.

MADRID, May 26.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day the Minister of the Interior stated that the recent meeting of the groups of the Opposition for the purpose of forming a coalition against the Government was an infringement upon Parliamentary usage and upon the Constitution. He asserted that he would prove this when the House discussed the policy of the Cabinet.

LONDON, May 26.—A St. Petersburg correspondent believes that intelligence has been received from Tchiliaiar that Gen. Skobeloff has arrived there and found the Russian troops gone. He intends to make an early advance.

BIG OIL FIRE IN BROOKLYN.

LUMBER-YARDS AND SHIPPING IN FLAMES—PROBABLE LOSS OF LIFE—DAMAGE OVER $200,000.

Bush & Denslow's extensive oil works, at the foot of Twenty-fifth-street, South Brooklyn, took fire from the explosion of gas and light oils at 12:30 o'clock this morning. The explosion occurred in what is known as the treating-house, which was completely destroyed. Its walls were hurled down. A watchman named Appel was at work pumping oil from one tank to another in an apartment near the treating-house, when he suddenly saw a light blue flame run through the apartment and through the treating-house. The explosion followed almost instantly. Appel says he was thrown to the ground and a large mass of rubbish fell upon him. He managed to extricate himself without having been much injured. The flames communicated with seven large tanks, each having a capacity of about 3,000 barrels of oil, and then leaped to a brick building near the end of the wharf, which was used as an office and sleeping-place for some of the employes. There were three men asleep here—the cook, fireman, and a deck-hand of the steamboat Harlow Bailey, owned by Bush & Denslow and employed for the transportation of oil in barrels. They narrowly escaped being burned to death. Two of them were compelled to flee from the building, abandoning their clothes, the flames following out of the house and for a long distance up the wharf. The engineer was struck on the right side of the face by a flying piece of timber and his jaw was fractured. The deck hand and cook were slightly burned.

The flames extended from the office down the wharf to a small shanty occupied at night by a man named Willard, who is employed as a watchman in the lumber yard of Willard & Co., which located on the wharf at the foot of Twenty-fifth-street, and also on the wharf at the foot of Twenty-sixth-street, just across the slip. Willard had not been seen up to 1:30 o'clock this morning, and he is believed to have perished. The steam-boat Harlow Bailey was next attacked by the flames. She will probably prove a total loss. A schooner also lying in the dock took fire and was completely destroyed. Leaping across the dock between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth streets, the flames reached great piles of lumber belonging to Willard & Co., having previously destroyed a large quantity of lumber on the Twenty-fifth-street wharf.

The firemen were unable to stay the progress of the fire for a long time on account of the lack of water and a fear that a use of even what little water was at hand upon the blazing oil would *spread it down among the other tanks on the* wharf, which contained many thousand gallons of naphtha, crude and refined oil. They, therefore, devoted their attention mainly to wetting down such of the lumber on the wharves and the oil-tanks as the flames had not attacked. They endeavored also to prevent the destruction of the numerous vessels which lay in the vicinity of the oil-works. Several of these vessels caught fire, but it seemed likely that the firemen would be able to prevent their destruction.

The loss will probably amount to $200,000, about $125,000 of which, it is supposed, will fall on Bush & Denslow, whose New-York office is at No. 120 Pearl-street. The rest of the damage will be distributed between Willard & Co. and the owners of the vessels, with which the fire communicated. About 30 men were employed at the oil-works at night. Some of them were not accounted for at 1:30 o'clock this morning, and it is feared that they have been killed.

Watchman Willard is a brother of the head of the firm of Willard & Co. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

SERENADE TO THEODORE THOMAS.

Mr. Theodore Thomas sails to-day for Europe, and his friends of the Philharmonic Society determined to give him a pleasant surprise in the way of a serenade. The distinguished conductor was staying at the house of a friend, Mr. Julius Hallgarten, No. 5 West Forty-ninth-street, and during the evening Mr. Thomas was kept engaged so busily that he did not have an opportunity to look out into the street, and so to discover the preparations in the way of the arrangement of chairs and music stands which were being made. Unfortunately, the serenade was put down for 12 o'clock, this extraordinary hour being necessitated by the fact that so many of the musicians were engaged at various places of amusement in the City, which they could not leave till that hour. In fact, the serenade did not actually commence till nearly 12:30. Just about 12, a large party of the personal friends of Mr. Thomas, among them being the famous pianist Jaseffy, came in a body to the house, and Mr. Thomas then learned of the compliment to be paid to him. The musicians, all members of the Philharmonic, numbered about 60, and when they opened with the overture to "Rienzi," the long and thrilling note of the cornet caused to wake up all the upper part of Fifth-avenue, and to bring to every window in the block from avenue to avenue one or more persons in white drapery. The pieces played by the orchestra were the overture to "Rienzi," the air of Bach, (from the Suite in D,) and the last movement of the Fif

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THE CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES.

APPOINTING METHODIST BOOK AGENTS—PROCEEDINGS IN OTHER CHURCH CONVENTIONS.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 25.—Bishop Peck presided at the General Conference to-day. The election for Book Agents at New-York resulted in the almost unanimous re-election of Mason Phillips and Hunt, the scattering vote being 6. Dr. H. Lishkamb was re-elected editor of *Herald and Herald*, receiving 180 votes to 145 for B. F. Crowder. J. W. Walden was re-elected Book Agent at Cincinnati on the first ballot, receiving 220 votes; for the other Agent, the fourth ballot resulted in the choice of William F. Stowe, of Wisconsin, by the following vote: Stowe, 284; Hitchcock, 80; Doughty, 41. Amendments to the Ecclesiastical Code occupied most of the session. One was adopted providing that the trial of Bishops for heresy should precede in the same manner as the trial of ministers for immoralities.

SARATOGA, N. Y., May 25.—The anniversary of several Baptist associations for general work opened here this morning with the meeting of the Baptist Missionary Union. The Rev. Dr. E. G. Robinson, President of Brown University, called the meeting to order and made the opening address. The Rev. J. N. Murdock, Foreign Secretary, read the annual report, from which it appears that the total receipts during the past year were $814,860, of which $680,474 were available for current expenses. The debits are $4,482. The churches in the association are more than self-supporting, having given $80,479 to the general work elsewhere. The total receipts of the union were $20,748 in excess of last year, being the most prosperous year ever known. The estimates for next year require $801,169. The union has now 91 stations in Asia, with 110 ordained missionaries, 3 unmarried men, and 41 unmarried women in Asia and Europe. The afternoon session was addressed by the Rev. E. H. Rivelsby of the Tounngoo Mission, Burmah; the Rev. A. V. Crumb of the Karen Mission, and the Rev. S. B. Partridge, of the China Mission. The Rev. H. L. Wayland, of the Committee on African Missions, read a report. He said by different societies, including Catholics, 1,000 ordained missionaries in Africa, and asked the Baptists to increase their efforts. The following officers of the union were elected: President—George Dana Boardman, D. D., Pennsylvania; Vice-Presidents—J. Warren Merrill, Massachusetts, and Gov. W. E. Smith, Wisconsin; Recording Secretary—The Rev. S. H. Burrage, Maine. The evening session was taken up with addresses on missionary subjects.

PITTSBURG, Penn., May 25.—At the General Synod of Reformed Presbyterians this morning, the committee appointed in the case of the Rev. Samuel Young recommended that in view of all the facts strongly condemnatory of the Presbytery look on Mr. Young's action as a misapprehension of duty. Cedarville, Ohio, was selected as the place for the next meeting, and the third Wednesday of May, 1881, as the date. Mr. Young pronounced two papers, one in defense of his conduct in the case, the other against Mr. Alford Howard him, and the other complaining of the reception of charges against him by the Pittsburg Presbytery. The first paper was withdrawn, the second being read at the close of the morning session.

At the Methodist Ecumenical Conference to-day, the Committee on Credentials made a report against Mr. A. V. Whitney, from North Illinois, whose seat in the Conference is contested on the ground that he left the Church after he had been expelled, accepting a commission from another church of a different denomination. The Rev. Mr. Brown, who defended Mr. Whitney, contended that he had never left the Church; that he had been restored to its shares in the Methodist Protestant Church, and that the Protestant Church accepted on condition that the action of the Church relieving him was legal. As the action, however, was not legal, Mr. Whitney still remained a member in good standing of the Methodist Protestant Church. A long discussion followed.

BOSTON, May 25.—The American Unitarian Association, at its annual meeting to-day, elected Henry F. Ridder President, George William Curtis and John D. Long Vice-Presidents, the Rev. R. R. Shippen Secretary, and Samuel Carr Treasurer. The Treasurer reported that the receipts for the past year have been $49,804, and the expenditures $46,847. The Directors' report stated that the contributions for the year have been larger, and that the progress of the various branches of missionary work is encouraging. It also recommended the establishment of a Channing Memorial Hall in Boston. Dr. W. H. Furness, of Philadelphia, made an address on the "Life and Character of Dr. Channing."

SPARTANBURG, S. C., May 25.—In the Presbyterian General Assembly to-day, the new Directory of Worship was ordered to be printed and copies sent to every church and Presbytery for criticism. On the subject of demission of office by Elders, the Assembly cannot decide that an Elder cannot demit office except when he is unacceptable to the people. The Assembly declined to revise the list of delegates to the Presbyterian Alliance.

CRIMINALS AND THEIR DEEDS.

PROCEEDINGS IN CASES OF CRIME—OF PERSONS REPORTED YESTERDAY.

TROY, N. Y., May 25.—The little girl Slattery, who was shot last night after the murder of Supervisor Casey, is in a critical condition, and the doctors doubt her recovery. Casey, the murdered man, saved eight or nine persons from drowning during the past few years. Some eye-witnesses say that the shot which killed him was fired by Connors, but the preponderance of testimony is that Wall was the murderer. Connors fled after the murder, and has not been arrested.

HUDSON, N. Y., May 25.—Charley Jackson, 6 years old, was stolen by two men in a wagon near the Chittenden school-house, in Stockport, this afternoon. The boy had light hair and a fair complexion, and his clothing was of a light color. It is supposed that he was taken to Albany or its vicinity.

CHICAGO, May 25.—A special dispatch from Port Washington, Wis., to the *Times* says: "The facts of a most unnatural murder have just been made public. John Conrad, a well-to-do farmer, living 15 miles north of this place, was the father of John Peter Conrad, a boy of 22 years of age, who had been mute from his birth. On Monday last Conrad returned home drunk and in a brutal mood. He first quarrelled with his daughter-in-law, then went up stairs and beat his crippled son, throwing him down stairs, where he lay, fall breaking his neck. Subsequently he took every precaution to conceal the crime, washed up the blood which came from his victim's mouth, and kept the body out of sight until it was buried. The deed was done quietly, and the District Attorney and Justice of the Peace had their suspicions aroused and caused the body to be exhumed. An examination proved that the cripple had been killed, and had not died of apoplexy, as stated by his father. It was then discovered that Conrad started for the East, intending to go to Germany. A telegram caused his arrest at Buffalo, and an officer, having procured the necessary requisition, is now on his way East to bring him back to Wisconsin."

PERTH AMBOY, N. J., May 25.—A serious series of depredations was committed by a tramp near this place last Saturday night. The culprit seems to have been drunk, and began by breaking into the house of W. S. Mader, on the opposite side of the Raritan River. He stole from there a coat, table-cloth, and several minor articles. He then came on up the road to Levi Ruth's, and took two or three bushels that were lying in the yard. After this he staved until midnight, he crossed the bridge to this town, he entered the kitchen of Samuel Myer's house, and, leaving the coat stolen from Mader's, took another coat, a pair of shoes, cap, sun-bonnet, &c. Thence he went to A. J. McCree's, where he left Myer's coat and stole a pair of boots and a basket containing tools, a hatchet, &c. About 9 o'clock on Sunday morning he was found lying along the road, half a mile from here, with his stolen booty by his side. Several of the citizens brought him before Justice Trope, although they had difficulty in so doing, as he was very unruly and abusive. He told the Justice that his name was Henry Armstrong. After a hearing he was committed to jail.

NIAGARA, Ontario, May 25.—A man who announced the execution given was arrested at Newbury, Ontario, yesterday, charged with committing a murder at Bloomington, Ill., in August last. He was brought here to-day and lies in jail awaiting extradition from the American authorities.

NEWBURYPORT, Mass., May 25.—In the Superior Court to-day, the case of Jessie B. Kenrick and Nellie Anna, on four counts, for assault upon Harriet Nichols, a servant in the employ of Mrs. Kenrick, at Lawrence, was finished, and the jury, after a long deliberation, found them guilty. This is the case of Irishman treatment recently reported, in which the victim had been compelled to live in a cellar, and was subjected to terrible usage.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 25.—A special dispatch from Pulaski to the *Courier-Journal* says: "Daniel F. Jones, a saloon-keeper, of Murray, Calloway County, yesterday came and killed Joel Ferguson, the town Marshal. Jones was drinking and got into a difficulty with a citizen, drawing a pistol to shoot. Ferguson seized Jones's pistol, and took it away from him. In a fury Jones went home and came back with a double-barreled gun, which he breech-loaded as he approached Ferguson and the other man. The gun down, and the lead went into the ground. Jones then emptied both barrels at two, and fled the whole village entering Ferguson's grain. He was in three hours in custody, and was shortly afterwards taken to Calloway county, and a mob of high standing in that county.

DISASTERS TO VESSELS.

LONDON, May 25.—The Norwegian bark Hinna, Capt. Simonsen, from New-York for Copenhagen, previously reported aground and the hulk here, has been floated off.

HAVRE, May 25.—The steamer [illegible], with sugar, from Matanzas, for Havre, reports having on Friday last, off Cape Ortegal, lost her rudder and sustained other damage.

SUICIDES.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., May 25.—Mr. Hunter, of the firm of Hunter & Hunter, cotton factors, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself through the head. He was in good circumstances, and no cause is known for the act.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—The steamer Montauk, of the Pacific Coast Steam-ship Company's line, went ashore near Fort Ross, last night, and will probably prove a total loss. Her crew, passengers, and baggage, were saved. She was a wooden, screw-steamer of 820 tons register.

THE READING SUSPENSION.

THE FIRM THAT TRIED TO CONTROL PHILADELPHIA'S COAL TRADE IN TROUBLE.

PHILADELPHIA, May 25.—Another Reading auxiliary stopped the payment of its liabilities to-day. This was the firm of Rinn & Stead, the retail agents for the sale of the Reading Coal and Iron Company's coal. This firm, about three years ago, assumed the control of the retail trade. It established yards in all parts of the city, made arrangements whereby the consumer could send messages for coal from almost any part of Philadelphia, and leased an island in the Delaware River, to monopolize the sale of coal to vessels. The whole idea was to secure control of the entire small trade of the city, and crowd out the other retail dealers. The same policy was displayed by Rinn & Stead here as Mr. Gowen showed when he endeavored to control the entire coal similar of Pennsylvania. The firm always sold coal at a cut rate, and the result was a continual warfare with the other dealers. They did an immense business, running into the millions, until last Winter, when Rinn & Wilson flooded the city with Lehigh coal at about $1 per ton less to consumers than Rinn & Stead could sell it. This was an outgrowth of the war between the Pennsylvania and the Reading Roads, the former aiding the Lehigh Valley in its battle with Mr. Gowen. The firm weathered all blasts until the Reading suspended, and to-day Mr. Rinn remarked to the New-York Times correspondent: "We thought we had better stop paying some obligations, but found that if we did this we must suspend altogether, so we did that. In my opinion it will be only temporary, but the question of resumption will depend greatly with the Receivers of the Reading Company. I tell you, things are so badly mixed up that we do not know where we stand, and Mr. Lewis, one of the Receivers, told me the same thing concerning the railroad and coal companies to-day."

Messrs. Gowen, Lewis, and Caldwell, the Receivers, to-day entered security in $300,000 each for the faithful performance of their duties.

ARMY AND NAVY NEWS.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The President has commuted the court-martial's sentence of dismissal found against Capt. George A. Arms, of Company I, Tenth Cavalry, to suspension from rank on half pay for one year and confinement to the limits of the station at which his company may be serving.

Capt. J. C. Clifford, Ordnance Department, is relieved from duty at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., and ordered to report in person to the commanding officer of Watervliet Arsenal, N. Y., for duty. The leave of absence on surgeon's certificate of disability granted Capt. B. H. Gilbreth, Ordnance Storekeeper, has been extended one year on account of sickness.

Lieut. M. Fisher Wright has been ordered to Newport for instruction in torpedo service. Capt. Richard B. Taylor has been detached from recruiting duty at Washington, and ordered to command the Pensacola, Pacific Station; Commander James D. Graham from the receiving-ship Passaic and placed on waiting orders; Ensign Frederick B. W. Coffin from the Receiving-ship Independence, and ordered to the Lighthouse Board on board the coast survey steamer Hassler.

The United States ship Pensacola left Vallejo, Cal., yesterday, bound for San Francisco. The United States ship Talladoosa and the Resaca returned to the Washington Navy-yard yesterday from the mouth of the Rappahannock. The United States ship Vandalia has had her repairs completed, and has dropped down from the New-York Navy-yard to Ellis Island, where she is taking in her powder, preparatory to a cruise in the Banks of Newfoundland. It is stated at the Navy Department to-day that the cruise of the Vandalia has no connection with the Canadian fishery question.

THE RECORD OF ACCIDENTS.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 25.—William Allen, a brakeman on the Boston and Providence Railroad, was killed at East Attleboro this noon, while shackling cars.

ANGELICA, N. Y., May 25.—Edward Tobey, a wholesale butcher, was killed hour last night by a locomotive, while crossing the New-York Central Railroad track near Bridge-street.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., May 25.—James French, of Washington, D. C., an employe of the American Union Telegraph Company, was fatally injured to-day on the Richmond Railroad. French was leaning out of the window of a passenger car, looking backward. As the train passed through a covered bridge, his head came in contact with the timbers of the bridge.

PATERSON, N. J., May 25.—Miss Griffith, aged 19 years, residing on Hamilton and Temple streets, attempted to fill a lighted Kerosene lamp about 6 o'clock to-night. The lamp exploded and set her clothing on fire. She was terribly burned on the face and upper part of the body and is not expected to live.

A stock train on the Erie Road ran into a "scoop" or "pick-up" freight train, at Mahwah, at 8 o'clock this afternoon, owing to the engineer of the former train misunderstanding orders. Many cattle were killed, and both trains were badly wrecked, obstructing the eastward-bound track for 10 or 12 hours.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., May 25.—C. O. Johnson, formerly a Corporal in the Fenton Guards, was instantly killed yesterday while blasting in a quarry at Pittsfield, Penn. His body, which was horribly mutilated, arrived here this afternoon.

THE WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE CONVENTION.

BOSTON, May 25.—At the second session of the annual meeting of the New-England Woman's Suffrage Association, held this morning, Mrs. Lucy R. Blackwell presided, and made a brief opening address, in which she asserted that rapid progress was made in the suffrage movement throughout New-England during the past year. The Rev. F. A. Hinckley, of Providence, presented the annual report of the Executive Committee, in which the work of the year is reviewed, and several recommendations are made, especially that societies should be established in Vermont, where there is none. The Treasurer presented a favorable report. Reports from the various State organizations were generally of a favorable nature. The meeting adopted a series of resolutions, declaring that the disfranchisement of one-half the people on account of sex is a grievous political injustice of the nation; that a moral reform agitation is the only way by which to awaken the people to a proper appreciation of the fact; that a suffrage convention shall be held in each New-England State during the ensuing year, and that the granting of school suffrage to women is a concession of the whole principle of woman's suffrage. A great deal of interest was shown in the discussion of the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in seeking to obtain a ballot on the liquor question, was duly recognized, and hope was expressed that the Methodist Conference at Cincinnati would act favorably on the petition asking that women be made eligible as preachers and elders.

IMPEACHING MAYOR KALLOCH.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—The impeachment case of Mayor Kalloch was proceeded with to-day, in the Superior Court, attracting a crowd of lawyers and interested spectators. Judge Carey presided, and there sat with him on the bench Judges Halsey, Sullivan, Lathrop, and Ferral. Mayor Kalloch was present throughout the forenoon. Henry E. Highton, counsel for the defendant, made an argument attacking the jurisdiction of the court, which he claimed was not a competent tribunal to try the case. As agreed by him, there was no legislative machinery to enable the Superior Court to carry out the provisions of the new Constitution. As the matter now stood, there were no self-executing provisions of the new Constitution, and the Court was waiting for power to be conferred upon it by legislation. Col. Barnes, for the prosecution, followed Mr. Highton, contending that the Superior Court had the jurisdiction in the case formerly held by the District Court; also, that the statutes of 1856 and 1864 relative to impeachment of officers included the Mayor within their provisions. This was strongly contested for the defense. The court stated that it had jurisdiction in the case, but with regard to the statutes concerning impeachment above referred to, concluded to hear further argument, which will be resumed to-morrow.

SOMERSET COUNTY'S SHERIFF.

SOMERVILLE, N. J., May 25.—Sheriff Simon Van Liew, of this county, who has been seriously ill several months, died yesterday, and his death leaves a vacancy, which Gov. McClellan will have to fill by appointment. Whoever is appointed will serve until November, when an election will take place, as provided by statute. The deceased Sheriff was a Republican, and it seems only just that the unexpired term should be occupied by a member of that party. Or more than persons through out the State, the fact that the new Sheriff will preside at the trial of the Guard and Field murder in September, when the indicted officers come on again for trial. It is important that a strong and fitting man be chosen, otherwise matters will be misunderstood and the county's best interests imperiled. A great deal depends on the man to-day in the choice of a good Republican at present, one of the assembled from the county, Mr. Hunterdon is a strong Republican and a man of purity and popularity.

THREATENED STRIKE OF PUDDLERS.

PHILADELPHIA, May 25.—The iron mills and furnaces of the Kensington district, in this city, employing about 1,400 men, are now idle in consequence of a difference as to wages. The puddlers, who had been getting $4 per ton, have demanded a increase of 50 cents per ton, which the manufacturers have refused to grant. The puddlers have formed a protective association, and have decided to strike unless the increase is granted. The manufacturers to-day refused to accede to the demand, preferring to let the mills remain idle rather than to advance the price. The mills will probably be shut down, or, if they do not, will be operated by non-union men.

THE WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, May 25—1 A. M.—*For the Middle Atlantic States, nearly stationary barometer and temperature, winds mostly from south to west, and clear or partly cloudy weather.*

For the Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri Valleys, stationary or rising barometer, stationary or lower temperature, winds mostly south to west, partly cloudy weather, and numerous rains.

In the upper lake region, nearly stationary barometer and temperature, southerly winds, partly cloudy weather, and local rains.

For the lower lake region, nearly stationary barometer and temperature, winds mostly south to west, clear or partly cloudy weather, possibly followed by local rains in the western portion.

For the Pacific coast region, clear or partly cloudy weather.

For New-England, stationary or falling barometer, winds mostly from south to west, stationary or higher temperature, clear or partly cloudy weather.

For the South Atlantic States, nearly stationary barometer and temperature, winds mostly southerly, and clear or partly cloudy weather.

For the Gulf States, partly cloudy weather, with local rains, nearly stationary barometer and temperature, east to south winds.

For Tennessee and the Ohio Valley, nearly stationary barometer and temperature, clear or partly cloudy weather, possibly followed in western portions by occasional local rains, southerly winds.

The rivers will remain nearly stationary.

GENERAL RAILWAY NOTES.

PHILADELPHIA, May 25.—The statement of the business of all the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company east of Pittsburg and Erie for April, 1880, as compared with the same months in 1879, shows an increase in gross earnings of $898,344; an increase in expenses of $600,796, and an increase in net earnings of $464,854. The four months of 1880, as compared with the same period in 1879, show an increase in gross earnings of $3,450,129; an increase in expenses of $1,095,588; and an increase in net earnings of $1,354,541. All lines west of Pittsburg and Erie for the four months of 1880, show a surplus over liabilities of $1,387,494, being a gain over the same period in 1879 of $1,388,673.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., May 25.—Col. E. W. Cole late President of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad, will, in a few days, take charge, as General Manager of the Memphis and Charleston and East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railroads, with head-quarters at Chattanooga. This is a line 546 miles long, extending across the State of Tennessee from Bristol to Memphis.

NOTES FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, May 25, 1880.

The receipts from internal revenue to-day, were $248,806 17, and from Customs, $676,208 80.

The General Deficiency bill has been perfected by the Appropriations Committee and will probably be reported to the House to-morrow.

The Sub Ways and Means Committee on Hoop-iron has been instructed by the full committee to prepare a joint resolution for the relief of certain importers of hoop-iron, who have made contracts based on "free" or "low" rate of duty, to allow them to import under the 35 per cent. rate, instead of ad valorem, now assessed.

The Ways and Means Committee gave a hearing to-day regarding the Reading Railroad certificates of indebtedness. It is claimed by the Government that they are liable to an internal revenue tax of 10 per cent., while the officers of the road deny their liability. The amounts involved aggregate $400,000. Commissioner Raum appeared for the Internal Revenue Department, and made an argument, and was followed by F. P. Gowen, President of the Reading Railroad Company, and J. Myers, of Philadelphia, on the other side of the question.

The Senate Committee on Appropriations today authorized Mr. Windom to report back the Agricultural Appropriation bill, with amendments providing $15,000 to purchase machinery for experiments in the manufacture of sugar from sorghum and corn-stalks, and other sugar-producing plants; appropriating $5,000 to enable the Department of Agriculture to employ three additional assistant chemists; adding $5,000 to the House item for labor, &c., in the department's grounds in Washington, and increasing the salary of the Commissioner from $5,000 to $4,000 per annum.

The Committee of Conference on the Military Academy and District of Columbia Appropriation bills reached agreements this afternoon, which will be reported to the House and Senate to-morrow. The amounts in dispute on the latter bill are small, and have been adjusted by compromise. The principal subjects of controversy in the West Point bill are to be disposed of by the Senate receding from its proposed increase of the House item for continuing work on the new hospital, and from its disagreement to the House proviso that the Secretary of War may, in his discretion, detail an officer of the Engineers to act as Professor of Law at the Military Academy. The Senate amendments to the Post Office Appropriation bill and to the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial bill are still in the hands of the House Committee on Appropriations. The condition of the remaining regular appropriation bills is to-night as follows: The Sundry Civil is under consideration by the House; the General Deficiency is prepared, but yet to be reported from the House committee; the River and Harbor is in the hands of the Senate Committee on Commerce, and the Agricultural Appropriation bill is on the Senate calendar awaiting action. The pension Deficiency bill is now on the Senate calendar, and the vetoed Marshals' Deficiency bill still remains with the House Committee on Appropriation, while the President's veto Message awaits action on the Speaker's table.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

Two attempts were made at a late hour Monday night to set fire to the Avenue House, a well-known hotel on Jersey City Heights in which a concert and hop, given by the Mercy Fire Association, was in progress. The fire was first discovered in a water-closet, but before had made much headway it was found by the proprietor and extinguished. Two hours later the smell of smoke was perceived coming from an unoccupied room in another part of the building. It was found that the door had been forced open and kerosene oil poured on the floor and then fired. The flames were burning fiercely, but were fought with so much vigor that they were soon extinguished. The damage amounts to $150. A man who was ejected from the hall, and who, it is said, threatened to burn the building, is suspected.

The Washington County Court-house, in Montpelier, Vt., was burned yesterday afternoon. The origin of the fire is unknown; it was first seen in the belfry. The county had expended $6,000 last Fall in extensive repairs. The loss is about $25,000, insured in the Vermont Mutual, of Montpelier, for $8,000. A high wind prevailed, and fears were entertained for the adjoining buildings. The fire is now under control. All the papers and records were saved.

The bridge on the New-York and New-England Railroad, across the Providence Railroad, near Millville, was burned this evening, and the fire communicated to the Providence and Worcester City Railroad bridge across the Blackstone River, near by, and that was burned.

The Giant Powder Works, at McCainsville, N. J., were destroyed by fire on Monday, with the exception of the magazine, which, being situated a short distance from the factory, was saved. The loss is $10,000. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The buildings and machinery connected with the Bream Mills, at Mine Hill, N. J., one of the largest iron mines in the place, were destroyed by fire on Sunday night. The loss cannot at present be estimated, but it is very heavy.

P. J. Lammerman's saw mill and shingle mill at Minneapolis, Minn., was burned last night. The loss is $28,000; insurance, $4,000. Sixty Men are thrown out of employment by this fire.

While three boys were playing in a barn at Tamaqua, Penn., yesterday afternoon, they set fire to the hay, and two barns and ten dwellings were consumed. The loss is about $7,000.

The shop, barn, and house of Patrick Whalen, in Hingham, Mass., were burned by an incendiary last night. The loss is $6,000; partially insured.

A dispatch to the Cincinnati *Gazette* says the store of A. M. Davidson, at East Liverpool, Ohio, was burned yesterday. The loss is $15,000; fully insured.

CANADIAN MONEY ORDERS.

OTTAWA, Ontario, May 25.—F. MacDonald, Superintendent-General, and M. Lerse Harrison, Chief Special Agent of the United States money-order system, have agreed with the Canadian postal authorities upon the terms of a new convention, by which the exchange of money orders between the United States and the Dominion of Canada will be much simplified, and the cost of orders reduced. The system will be the same as the new arrangement with England which went into operation on April 1.

OBITUARY NOTES.

Baron Henry William August Gagern, the German politician and political writer, died yesterday at Darmstadt.

Miss Amelia Barton, the actress, and a charter [illegible] of the company playing "Tom of the Street," died at Cincinnati yesterday morning.

TURF AND FIELD SPORTS

THE OPENING DAY OF THE RACES AT BALTIMORE.

FIVE CONTESTS YESTERDAY—NELLIE D., EMILY F., GLENMORE, SHECKMATE, AND EDWIN A. THE WINNERS—THE SECOND DAY'S RACING AND THE BETTING.

BALTIMORE, May 25.—The opening of the Spring meeting of the Maryland Jockey Club took place to-day. The day was fine, the track in good condition, and there was a large attendance. The first race was a dash of three-quarters of a mile for maidens of all ages; entry $10; purse $300; entrance money to the second horse. The starters were: Kate Clark, Bounce, Glengariffe, Nellie D., Natalie, Utilita, and Buster. Business at the pool stand was very slow. The field was the favorite at $25 to $12 for Glengariffe, and $9 for Nellie D. The horses got off well, Kate Clark leading, with Buster second, Utilita third, Bounce fourth, and Nellie D. and Glengariffe following. On the back stretch, Nellie D. went to the front, and Natalie to the second place, and they passed the half-mile pole without further change. The run around the lower turn was without change, except that Natalie fell to the rear. Down the home stretch and to the finish the running was good, but Nellie D. finished a winner, two lengths ahead of Utilita, second, who was one length ahead of Glengariffe, third, and Buster, Bounce, Kate Clark, and Natalie following in the order in which they are named. The time was 1:19¾.

The second race was the Chesapeake Stakes, for fillies 3 years old; $350 entrance, pay or play; club to add $600, of which $100 to the second horse; one mile and a quarter. The starters were Queen's Own, Emily F., the Vauxhall filly, Rosalie, the War Dance filly, and Cinderella. In the pools George L. Lorillard's entry—Queen's Own and Rosalie—sold for $20 to $40 for the field. After two or three breaks, the start was good, Queen's Own was first away, with Rosalie second, Cinderella third, the Vauxhall filly fourth, and Emily F. last. Before reaching the stand Emily F. had gone to the front, with Cinderella second, Queen's Own third, Rosalie fourth, and the Vauxhall filly last. Around the turn and at the quarter Emily F. was a length in front of Cinderella, with Rosalie third, and Queen's Own and the Vauxhall filly following. Down the back stretch Cinderella was pressed and ran up, so that, at the half-mile pole, Emily F. led her by only a neck. Around the lower turn Emily F. made less run, and at the three-quarter pole was six lengths ahead of Cinderella. Down the stretch Queen's Own ran up, and so did Rosalie, but Emily F. finished five lengths ahead of Rosalie, second, who was one length ahead of Queen's Own, third, the Vauxhall filly fourth, and Cinderella last. Time—2:18¾.

The third race was a mile and a quarter dash for all ages; purse $300 for the first horse, $50 for the second. The starters were Peter Hynes, Odd-fellow, Boardman, Speculation, Glenmore, Baby Werter, and Scotilla. Glenmore had the call in the pools, selling for $10 to $20 for Peter Hynes, $25 for Odd-fellow, $30 for Scotilla, and $40 for the field. In the start Boardman was first away, with Baby second, and the others bunched down the stretch. When they reached the stand, Werter had gone to the front, with Odd-fellow second, Scotilla third, Glenmore fourth, Peter Hynes fifth, Speculation sixth, and Baby and Boardman following. As they swung around the upper turn, Glenmore ran up to the third place, and at the quarter Boardman had again gone to the front, with Werter second, Glenmore third, Scotilla fourth, and the others following in close order. There was no change down the back stretch, but immediately after passing the half-mile pole, Glenmore made a burst of speed and went to the front, and when they reached the home-stretch Werter was second, Scotilla third, Peter Hynes fourth, and the others trailing out in the rear. Glenmore finished an easy winner, six lengths ahead of Scotilla, second, Werter third, Speculation fourth, Boardman fifth, Baby sixth, Peter Hynes seventh, and Odd-fellow last. Time—2:15¾.

The fourth race was the Rancocas Handicap; one mile and an eighth, for all ages; $50 entrance, half forfeit; club to add $600, of which $100 to the second horse. The starters were Hattie F., Dawn, Rebbie, Eunice, Oriole, Round Dance, Chromatic, Virginian, and Virginius. In the pools Checkmate sold for $40 to $20 for the field. The start was good, Eunice was first out, Virginius second, and the others together. Passing the stand Hattie F. was in the lead, with Virginius second, Dawn third, Gabriel fourth, Eunice fifth, Dawn sixth, Oriole seventh, Virginian eighth, and Round Dance last. On the upper turn Check-mate went to the front, and had the lead when they reached the half-mile pole, and the others running well together. Down the back stretch, Checkmate held the lead, and at the half-mile Virginius had gone up second, with Hattie F. third, Oriole fourth, and the others trailed out. Coming around the lower turn and into the home stretch, Checkmate held his advantage, and ran to the finish two lengths ahead of Virginius, second, Hattie F. third, Virginian fourth, Gabriel fifth, Oriole sixth, Eunice seventh, Round Dance eighth, and Dawn last. Time—1:50¾.

The last race for the day was mile heats, for all ages, purse $600 for the first horse and $100 for the second. The starters were Edwin A., Ingomar, and Governor Hampton. In the pools Edwin A. sold for $70, Governor Hampton for $40, and Ingomar for $25. When they came to the post all the horses appeared to be in good condition, and the friends of both Governor Hampton and Edwin A. were confident.

First Heat.—The start was good, Edwin A. being first out, with Ingomar second, and Governor Hampton last. On the upper turn Ingomar went to the front, and at the distance was four lengths ahead of Edwin A., who was a neck ahead of Governor Hampton. On the back stretch both Edwin A. and Governor Hampton went forward, and at the half mile Ingomar's advantage was reduced to two lengths, and Governor Hampton only a head behind Edwin A. On the lower turn Edwin A. and Governor Hampton began to make the run for the heat, but Ingomar held his advantage until he passed the three-quarter pole, when Edwin A. moved up, and finished winner of the heat by one length ahead of Ingomar, who was four lengths ahead of Governor Hampton. Time—1:49¾.

Second Heat.—Edwin A. was the favorite against the field, at $60 to $18. Governor Hampton got the lead in the start, with Ingomar second, and Edwin A. third. In the turn Ingomar went to the front and Edwin A. to the second place; Ingomar leading one length at the quarter-pole, followed by Edwin A. and Governor Hampton. At the half-mile there was a difference of only a neck, though no positions were changed. On the lower turn Edwin A. went to the front, and Governor Hampton to the second place, while Ingomar was eight lengths behind. In the home stretch Edwin A. drew away from Ingomar to a half length, and the turn down the stretch was very fine, but Governor Hampton, under the influence of the lash, won the heat by a head. Time—1:51¾.

Third Heat.—Governor Hampton was the favorite, though the friends of Edwin A. were confident. In the pools, Governor Hampton sold for $25, and Edwin A. for $15. Governor Hampton led off on the start, but Edwin A. passed him on the turn and ran the heat through and won by three lengths. Time—1:51¾.

There will be five events to-morrow. The first will be a dash of one mile, for all horses that have never won at Baltimore, Long Branch, Jerome Park, or Saratoga. In the pools to-night the horses sold as follows: Jimmy Rainey, $25; Scotilla, $12; Baby and Bounce, $10; Ingomar, $7; Belle of Nelson, $5; and the field—Belle of the West, Buster, and Kate Clark, $8. The second race will be the Vernal sweepstakes for 4-year olds that have not won a sweepstake in 1880; 1-year-old course. The pools sold as follows: Colonel Sprague, $25; Wanderer filly, $12; Judge Murray, $10; Belmont's Democrat and Blackwate, $10; Henry S., King Alfonso (colt), $5; Breadwinner, $7; the field—Glenmore, Oriole, Stitcher, Crowder (colt), Hermit, Jerry, Chadeville, and Vigilant, $12. The third race will be one mile, for all ages. The pools sold as follows: Bella, $25; Annie Atkinson, $15; New-York Weekly, $10; Sunshade, $7; Stitcher, 5 and Virginia, $5 each; Boardman, $7; the field—Glengariffe, Speculation, and Nellie D., $8. For the Tyrion Handicap Stakes the pools sold: Gabriel, $25; Ben Hill, $15; Perdita, $12; Clyde Hampton, $7; the field—Pike Chief and Mamie Fields, $5. The pools on the trial steeple-chase sold as follows: Judith, $30; Dunstable and Dog Star, $21; Raleigh $8.

THE SPORTSMEN'S MEETING.

SHOOTING CONTESTS AT SENECA FALLS—THE PRIZES AND WINNERS.

SENECA FALLS, N. Y., May 25.—At this, the second, day's meeting of the New-York Sportsmen's Association for the Protection of Fish and Game, the tournament of trap-shooting, fly-casting, rifle-shooting, &c., was begun. The attendance is unusually large. The programme for to-day was as follows: Contest No. 1; clam shoot; 10 single birds; entrance fee, $5; first prize, a Dubiozema fine double-barreled breech-loading shot-gun, value $100; second, a handsome eight-strap bamboo fly-rod, gold-mounted, with reel to match, value $60, and a set of game fishes of the United States, in 16 parts, value $50; third, a sewing machine value $50, and 25 pounds of powder, value $25; fourth, 25 one-pound cans of powder, value $25; a water-proof shooting-coat, value $15; 100 cigars, value $10. Contest No. 2; clay shoot; 25 single birds; first prize, gold, $125, given by the citizens of Seneca Falls; second, a Mackenzie, solid gold, value $100; third, $75 in cash; fourth, $50; a sculpture bronze gilt statue to order for the winner, value $50; a set of silver claret-ball tankards, value $25; fourth prize, 25 one-pound cans of powder, value $25; 1,000 cigarettes, value $20; a patent swivel fly-reel, value $15.

At the live contest, Percy Compeller, of the Dean Richmond Club, won the first prize by killing 18 birds straight. He is a resident of Geneva, and the contest was supposed to be between him and Crowder, of Syracuse, who killed 17 out of 20. A. J. Hunnemann, of the Hamilton County Club, of Albany, took the third prize, with a score of 16 out of 20. Some of the other shooters from Albany and Syracuse did very fine work, and it was a close contest throughout. The following is the score of the 10 best shots, including the ties, and the 15 best shots in the contest:

Compeller	18	Hunnemann	16
Crowder	17	Ten Eyck	16
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THE AMERICAN RIFLE TEAM.

ITS SELECTION BY COL. BODINE APPROVED—BRUCE DECLINES WITH THANKS.

The Board of Directors of the National Rifle Association, in executive session, yesterday confirmed the action of Col. John Bodine in his selection of the American team last week to go to Ireland. The relative positions of the members of the team remain the same, but Mr. H. T. Rockwell, of Boston, has been substituted as one of the reserves in the place of William Garrish, of the same city, whose health will not permit him to undertake the journey. Capt. L. C. Bruce was informed of the action of the board in selecting him as one of the "reserves," and he was asked what he would do under the circumstances. He replied that "for reasons of a private and business nature, especially the former," which were satisfactory to himself, he should not peremptorily decline to go to Ireland if ordered. Capt. Bruce said he was given to understand, that he would be chosen as a member of the team as a representative of the Amateur Rifle Club, and as that body had done a good deal toward insuring the success of the match in times past, he thought it was entitled to some consideration. It is understood that the money raised by the Amateur Club toward paying the expenses of its representative in the team is to be returned to the donors, who can then use the dollars contributed to the Fund for other purposes. Mr. Jerome Bonaparte, *the Times*, offered the use of his new steam-yacht to the Board of Directors to accompany the steamer by which the team is to sail down the Bay on the day of its departure. The offer was accepted, and the thanks of the board of Mr. Sanford offered a resolution, which was laid over until the next meeting, but which, it is generally conceded, ought to have been adopted before the present team was selected. It provides that "no amateur in rifle-shooting is one who has never competed for a pecuniary prize, or money, or who has never pursued rifle-shooting with a view as a means of livelihood, or who has never been paid by any rifle manufacturing firm or dealer in rifles to use their rifles in matches for the purpose of advertising their goods, and the definition of this association hereafter shall be open only to amateur riflemen, unless otherwise specified, and only amateurs shall be allowed to compete for places on the American international or inter-State teams."

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SENATE.

THE CHAIR OF SUFFERING.

Mr. Wetmore, of Virginia, moved to postpone all other orders, and proceed to consider the pending case on the calendar.

Mr. Saulsbury, of Delaware, stated that last night he had moved to take up a bill of great public importance (the Supervisors bill), which he was unwilling to have displaced by other business.

The Vice-President pro tem. stated that Mr. Saulsbury's motion would come up as unfinished business at 1 P.M.

Mr. Edmunds, of Vermont, hoped the Chair would not be too hasty in making that decision. A matter intervene, or a bill fall with an adjournment, and would have to be renewed.

The Vice-President pro tem. hoped Mr. Edmunds would not put his authority.

Mr. Edmunds said he had a good many witnesses, and, if necessary, would have them sworn.

Mr. Wilder's motion was carried.

PENSION BILLS PASSED.

Bills granting pensions and increases of pension to the following named persons were passed: Louisa Stimbridge Hoff, widow of Rear-Admiral Hoff; Hannah Bilewin, Fifty-fourth Pennsylvania Volunteers; Hannah S. Mackey, guardian of children of John Tilson, Fifty-sixth New-York Volunteers; Thomas P. Schenck, a soldier of the Mexican war; Mrs. Lotta B. McCauley, widow of Commodore Charles S. McCauley; Elizabeth Wise Goldborough, widow of Rear-Admiral Goldborough; Lawrence Burgess, One Hundred and Fourteenth Illinois Volunteers; Wm. Woodbridge, son of Maj. Thomas J. Backer, late Special Provost Marshal; William W. Barker, Fifty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers; Thomas Riley, Seventh United States Cavalry; Michael Heavy, sailor on board the United States gun-boat Brandywine; Jason C. Hyde, Second Maine Volunteers; Lewis Smith, Twelfth Pennsylvania Cavalry; Hannah Maria, widow of Horace Meach, First New-York Mounted Volunteers; Margaret Portalis, widow of a soldier in the United States Army; Mary Ann Hoffman, widow of Lieut. Hoffman, Twenty-fourth United States Infantry; Judith Brown, child of Margaret Duncan, widow of Hilliard Duncan, a Revolutionary soldier; V. A. Moore, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Henry Brown, Seventh United States Cavalry; Jacob Sarver, Second Michigan Infantry; Stephen Kittredge, Twenty-fourth Michigan Infantry; John H. Black, Twelfth Pennsylvania Cavalry; Edward H. Lab, Fifth United States Cavalry; Reynolds Smith, late Quartermaster's Sergeant, Fifty-second Illinois Volunteers; Sarah Hilliard, widow of Bruce Hilliard, late of Capt. Hutton's company, Cape Francisco's command, was at 12 P.M.

Mr. Dorsey, of Missouri, submitted an amendment to the last bill extending pensions to all soldiers in similar cases.

Mr. Beck, of Massachusetts, said he would be obliged to object to the bill if the amendment were pressed.

Mr. Dorsey withdrew his amendment, and stated that he would introduce a bill on the subject.

The next bill called provides that section 5 of the act approved January 5, 1875, and section 16 of the act approved July 31, 1868, and section 4773 of the Revised Statutes shall be construed to include the rank of commander in the list of officers of the navy and their widows, &c., prior to July 31, 1868, and that such pensions shall be restored to the roll from which they were reduced, to date from the original date of such pension.

All the other bills have been disposed of except one, the bill in favor of Lieut. Commander Wilson U. Phelps, now on the retired list; that bill was taken up. It was discussed, and finally passed.

THE SUPERVISORS' BILL.

The Senate hour having expired, the President pro tem. said that upon taking the opinions of Senators and examining the records he found the vote to be as stated by the Senator from Vermont (Mr. Edmunds), and he felt constrained to sign a bill for with an adjournment. There was, therefore, no unfinished business to lay before the Senate.

Mr. Bayard moved to postpone all pending and prior orders and take up the Supervisors' bill, proposed to on a division. The bill was read as follows:

It is enacted, &c., That the term of office of Chief Supervisor of Elections, provided for in section 2011 of the Revised Statutes, shall be ten years. Such officer may at any time within the seven years next succeeding the passage of this act, remove any deputy appointed by him, and appoint another in his place. The term of those now in office shall expire on the 1st day of May, 1880, and their successors shall be appointed from among the qualified Electors of the City, by the Circuit Judge of the Circuit Court of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Mr. Conkling—I suppose the purpose is to amend that so as to turn them out of office for the election, but not to do away that has passed.

Mr. Bayard—The bill was reported in March, at which time May was in the future. I propose to amend by substituting July 1.

Mr. Conkling—It will be just as effectual for the next election.

Mr. Hoar—Are we to understand that by the operation of this act and under existing laws, it has the minute be not in session after July 1 of this year, it will be impossible to have a Chief Supervisor elected; that the practical effect is to destroy that office for the next election?

Mr. Bayard—I do not understand it so. If the Senate were not in Session, these officers could be appointed under the Tenure of Office law now in force, and their nominations would be submitted to the Senate at the next session.

Mr. Hoar—Will the Senator consent to an amendment to the bill which will make that clear and certain?

Mr. Bayard—I should have no objection to that.

Mr. Hoar—Very well, then.

Mr. Bayard explained the object of the bill so far, not to affect the powers of these officers in any way, but to provide for the regulation of the tenure of the office. Under the Constitution, some half dozen Chief Supervisors have been appointed, first appointed in 1871. Many of them were still in office, and there was no provision for their removal or for cause. Their office could only be vacated by resignation, death, or by the Senate.

Mr. Hoar, after consultation with Mr. Bayard, offered the following amendment as an additional section:

"The President may appoint such officers during the recess of the Senate, who may hold such office until the next session of the Senate, and no longer, and shall be the duty of the President to send in such nominations at the commencement of the next session of the Senate."

Mr. Hoar asked Mr. Bayard, on what theory the appointment of Supervisors of Election is placed in the hands of the Executive instead of the courts, while Judges, Marshals, etc., are appointed by the courts.

Mr. Bayard said there was a wide difference between the duties of these officers and the duties of Judges, Marshals, etc. The duties of these officers were political, and those duties were conferred upon the Executive by the Senate, and the Senate had indeed upon the Executive the duty of having Deputies appointed by the courts in each case. It was a non-partisan appointment. Now comes the question of a judicial officer of the court, and the tenure of such officers is a matter of the utmost political importance to the political power of the Government.

Mr. Conkling said that on Feb. 3 this bill was passed by the Senate by the Chairman of the Committee, after the Senate had voted upon it. It was more formal than hopeful. He wished he could address himself to two audiences, outside of the Senate and within the Senate, and those seats of the Senate, the majority of the Senate, and the majority of the country, who might make the Senate and the Government, and those seats of the majority during the last two years, and those seats of the majority now, and the majority of the country, and the majority of the Senate, and the majority of the Senate, and the majority of the Senate

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An unfailing sign of the approaching close of a session of Congress is the comparing of notes as to the "record" of the two parties. Without questioning the justice of what was said in the Senate yesterday about the Democratic disposition to dodge the discussion of sundry important questions, it must be admitted that neither party can claim much credit on the score of courageous dealing with really vital phases of national politics. The people have not forgotten the ridiculous devices resorted to by the leaders on both sides of the House to stave off a vote on the resolutions introduced by the Greenbackers, nor are they likely to forget the trifling with the Funding bill, the Electoral vote question, and, above all, with the tariff. There has been a tacit agreement between Republicans and Democrats that the last-named subject should be shelved at any cost, and it has been adhered to with remarkable fidelity. A new Congress and a new Administration may be chosen with special reference to their ability to deal with questions whose discussion is now obstinately repressed, but very few members of the present House will be able to claim re-election on the ground that they have shirked no issue in which the people were vitally interested.

Our special correspondent at Chicago explains very lucidly how slight is the hold which Mr. SHERMAN possesses over one-third of the 98 votes which he carries into the National Convention. The 35 votes which Mr. SHERMAN has secured by an unscrupulous use of the Federal patronage in the South are simply held for the use of the winning candidate or for Mr. SHERMAN himself on the assumption that his support is likely to be indispensable to the nominee of the Convention. As Mr. SHERMAN's chances are of the most visionary kind, and as his aid will be needed to oppose, not to help, the successful candidate, it would be placing too low an estimate on the intelligence of his bread and butter brigade from the South to assume that they can be held together for the purpose they are to be brought to Chicago to carry out. As our correspondent shows, they will be among the first to discern the drift of feeling in the convention, and they will certainly not be the last to yield to it. The talk about the influence of "rotten boroughs" in the Republican campaign has no more pertinent illustration than in the galvanized support of Mr. SHERMAN in the South, and yet those who have discoursed most glibly about States voting in the National Convention that had no votes to give on the Republican side in the Electoral College have persisted in ignoring the Sherman tactics in the South.

As we predicted the other day, the request of the Secretary of the Treasury for money with which to provide storage for the fast-accumulating silver dollars has been refused by the House. That body is only too willing to see the dollars piled up in the Treasury vaults, until they overflow. The statesmen who enacted the Silver bill are not over-sagacious, but they know that it doesn't "make anybody cheap" to hoard it. What they want is an actual circulation of the 38-cent dollar, sufficient to bring all currency to that standard, and so to add 15 per cent. to the debt-paying power of every dollar in the land. Mr. BUCKNER, of Missouri, who is an ardent champion of the silver party, proposed, instead of building vaults for the silver, to compel the Secretary to pay it out in the purchase of bonds, and to restrain the issue of one-dollar and two-dollar notes, in order to create a demand for it. The proposition did not reach a vote, as it was ruled out of order, but the Secretary got no appropriation for his new vault. The present majority in Congress is bent on forcing the circulation of the depreciated dollars, if it can.

One of the series of bills which were the result of the laborious railroad investigation of last year has at last gone to the Governor for his signature. It is that requiring more systematic and detailed reports of the operations of the companies to be made to the State Engineer. Probably the railroads themselves did not think it worth while to oppose it, and this explains the fact that it has succeeded in getting through the two houses without a fight. There is an ominous silence regarding the Anti-discrimination bill in its sadly-deformed condition, but it will be a mistake to abandon it altogether, when what there is left of it might be enacted as a basis for future advancement. It secures something, and a beginning is too important to be easily given up. The subject is one that must be dealt with, and there will be an advantage in having the little that this measure affords instead of a complete surrender of the ground, necessitating a renewal of the whole struggle.

The State Senate has resolved to apply to the extravagance of New-York City administration that favorite panacea for all the ills of the body politic—a commission of inquiry. Three Senators will be appointed nominally to find out what reductions can be made in the salaries of City officers, but really, as is surmised, to capture some City patronage for their districts. Senator STRAHAN, who had also prepared a resolution of inquiry, which was rejected, gave the assurance that his amendments to the Public Burdens bills would be ready to-day. It would be decidedly premature to assume that this is equivalent to the passage of some measure of relief for local tax-payers. If anybody presumes to amend Mr. STRAHAN's amendments, they will, undoubtedly, in the estimation of their author, be hopelessly perverted, and the majority of the Senate will be only too glad to leave them among the accumulated débris of a session rich in promise but extremely poor in performance. If Mr. STRAHAN or any one else will introduce resolutions calculated to make any reduction, however slight, in the salary list of New-York City, the best thing the Senate can do is to promptly adopt them. If Mr. STRAHAN chooses to load these down with purely political changes in City administration, the politics should be taken out and the economy retained.

THE ELECTION LAWS IN THE SENATE.

The Democrats developed another phase of their plan in regard to the Election laws yesterday by bringing up for passage a bill changing the tenure of office of the Chief Supervisors of Election. These officers have heretofore been appointed by the courts from among the Commissioners of the several courts. The original pretension of the Democrats in regard to this matter was that this was an unsatisfactory tenure, because it could not be revoked, and the statement was made that there was no way of getting a Chief Supervisor out of office but by death or resignation. To meet this alleged difficulty, a bill was reported in February terminating the tenure of all Chief Supervisors on the 1st of the following May, and providing that their successors shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. This bill was brought up yesterday, the date was changed to July 1, and an amendment was accepted which gives the President authority to appoint in the recess of the Senate, under the provisions of the Tenure of Office act, which requires such appointments to be submitted to the Senate within 30 days after its reconvening. If not then approved the appointments lapse.

This measure is one of four which have now been presented by the Democratic majority with reference to the Election laws. The others are: 1. The bill changing the mode of appointment of the special Deputy Marshals, which was passed by the Senate last week, and which divides these officers equally among the different parties, and gives their selection to the Judges. 2. A bill prohibiting Marshals from arresting without legal process, which they are now allowed to do when an offense against the laws has been committed in their presence, and 3, a law which prohibits Marshals from arresting any election officer while in the performance of his duties on election day. These bills taken together are regarded by the Republicans as practically nullifying the Election laws. They undoubtedly tend in that direction, but in very different degrees. The bill already passed by the Senate, with reference to the appointment of special Deputy Marshals, is, as we have pointed out, quite consistent with an energetic and effective administration of the Election laws. The bill under consideration yesterday is undoubtedly a mere trick. There is no basis for the pretension made with reference to it. The Chief Supervisors are by no means in perpetual tenure of office, and can be removed by the Judges at any time that they prove unfit for their duties. The real object of the bill was to get control—through the majority in the Senate—of the appointment of Supervisors; but the object has been practically abandoned by the amendment adopted yesterday, which leaves the appointments in the hands of the President for the next campaign at least. Mr. THURMAN's amendment, forbidding the appointment of any one who had already held the office, was, of course, aimed at Commissioner DAVENPORT, of this City. It was a bald, stupid piece of political spitefulness, and has not as yet been adopted by the Senate. It could hardly fail to defeat the bill in the hands of the President, not because Mr. DAVENPORT's retention is essential to the administration of the Election laws, but because it cannot be supposed that the President would consent to depriving himself of the right to choose Chief Supervisors among those who had shown themselves particularly fitted for the position. Without this amendment the proposed law is bad in animus and mistaken in principle, but it would be practically futile in carrying out the object for which it is framed. If it is proposed to make this another installment in the price paid to Democratic partisan vanity for the retention of the Election laws, it is still one which can be afforded, provided the consideration is surely obtained.

But not so with the other bills. They are aimed at the very essential portions of the Election laws, and neither the minority in Congress nor the President can afford to consent to them, whatever may be the consequences. They are not intended to prevent abuse, but to prevent use, of the powers given by the laws. They are in purpose and effect acts of nullification. The right to arrest without warrant for breaches of the law, committed in the presence and view of an officer, is the most common right known to the administration of justice. It is possessed by every Police officer and every town or ward constable in the land. It is even recognized in many cases as a right belonging to private citizens. To abolish it in the case of officers under the Election laws is simply to disarm them. If they are to be compelled to resort to a court, obtain a warrant against an offender, possibly unknown to them, who has meantime accomplished his purpose and escaped, they might as well not be officers of the law at all. A similar criticism lies against the act which forbids the arrest of election officers on the day of election. There are certain violations of law for which it should be in the power of an officer to arrest an offender instantly and at any time, because, if this be not done, the crime is not only committed, but is past remedy. Instances of this would be the stuffing of a ballot-box, the destruction of ballots, or an obvious false count. The very fact that for such offenses the authors can be promptly arrested and taken before a court acts as a powerful deterrent. Abolish that right in officers of the law and you practically open the door wide for fraud.

We do not believe that the Democrats are prepared to insist upon these latter measures. They would be still less justified in doing so should they obtain the enactment of the first two. The proper course for the Republicans is to grant everything that can fairly be granted without impairing the efficiency of the laws, and to oppose with unbending firmness everything which does affect their efficiency. Such a policy would place the responsibility where it belongs, and would make the issue perfectly clear before the country. When that is done, the Republicans need have no fear for the result.

A FACTIOUS CONTEST.

The anti-Grant Republicans of Illinois, after having been squarely defeated in the State Convention, avow a determination to carry their contest into the National Convention at Chicago next week. They put forth a claim, which was not heard of before the Springfield gathering, that the Congressional districts are entitled to a direct representation by delegates of their own choosing, and they propose to have such on the ground and to demand their admission. A contest on such a basis would be an unheard-of anomaly, and ought to receive no recognition whatever. There have been no Congressional district conventions in Illinois. The State Convention was made up of delegates from the various counties, with the exception of Cook, and from the seven Senatorial districts of that county, which for purposes of representation were placed on the same basis as counties in the rest of the State. The utmost claim that could be made at Springfield was that the delegates from the various Congressional districts should be allowed to select for the approval of the convention the men who were to be sent to Chicago as representatives of their respective districts. Whether this should be done or not depended on the will of the convention, and it decided otherwise. The whole plan of action in that State was, as it has always been, that all the delegates—those from the districts, as well as those from the State at large—should receive their commission and the credentials thereof from the State Convention. The particular mode of their selection was subject to its decision, and it decided by a majority that could not be questioned in favor of naming them by a general committee, subject to the approval of the whole body. There was no bolt, and no ground for any. There was no other State Convention, and no other form of proceeding under the call of the committee representing the party organization. The disaffected delegates, who claimed to represent Congressional districts whose wishes had been disregarded, did not present the names of men of their own choice and demand their acceptance as against those selected by the committee of the convention, and so have not even the grievance of a ruling against them. And yet they claim to have delegates in their possession representing several districts, with credentials of some sort, to be presented to the National Convention.

There is not here a prima facie case of any sort upon which a claim for a hearing can be based. The question is not what ought to be, as a matter of abstract right, but what is, as a matter of regular proceeding in the organization and conduct of party affairs. Perhaps it would be better if district delegates to the National Convention were chosen by district conventions representing the choice of their immediate constituents, but as a matter of fact this is the case in only a few States, and Illinois is not one of them. There the practice of the Republican Party has always been to choose all the delegates by a State Convention, and more than once heretofore they have been instructed to vote as a unit. It is always constituted with that view and for that purpose, and its method of proceeding in the performance of its proper function is a matter which can be determined only by itself. In the recent case it exercised no power which did not belong to it or which could be taken away without destroying its character. Any other supposition would make party organization a rope of sand. Its character in a particular State may be one thing or another. It may work as a whole through a State Convention, or it may distribute its machinery among districts, but when one method has been adopted and is in actual use, to kick against the results and claim that the other is the one that should have been used is sheer stultification. The National Convention cannot, without sharing in the folly, stoop to notice a contest got up on any such ground. The Illinois delegation has been chosen, and will appear at Chicago with the full and conclusive evidence of its regularity, and the validity of its representative character, and there will be no more occasion for raising a question as to its admission than in the case of any other State whose delegates have been chosen by a general convention.

The decision of the Convention of 1876, to the effect that each delegate was entitled to vote as he pleased, notwithstanding the instructions of the State Convention by which he was sent, is just now being distorted by disingenuous malcontents into a decision in favor of district representation. It was nothing of the sort, and was never understood to be anything of the sort. The question of State or district representation was not touched, and the ruling would affect district instructions just as much as State instructions. It was simply that instructions of any kind and from any source would not be recognized as binding, but that each and every delegate was at liberty to vote and act according to his convictions or wishes, so far as the authority of the National Convention was concerned. As to the binding force of his instructions, that was a question between him and those who sent and instructed him, and the National Convention had nothing to do with it. Under this ruling, if followed as a precedent, members of the New-York delegation can vote for BLAINE or SHERMAN if they can reconcile such a proceeding with their sense of honor and their responsibility to the party which has trusted them. The Springfield Convention acknowledged the force of the decision of 1876 when it took care to choose men who would obey its instructions, and nobody is claiming that those instructions must be recognized at Chicago. Only the delegates themselves will claim recognition. Among the slender supports of the contest in Illinois is one drawn from the wording of the call for the National Convention, which invites the choosing of "two delegates from each Congressional district" and "four delegates at large from each State." This has been done in all cases. As to the method of choosing the call says nothing, and no plan has been laid down by any authority outside the several States. The evident hope of the Illinois contestants, if they have any, is to exclude the delegation of the State from the preliminary proceedings, but it is likely to fail.

THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS GRAB.

Just now the House is engaged in an undignified squabble over what may be called "the Public Buildings grab." Like the River and Harbor Improvement job, the general scheme for the erection of public buildings in the various States at the expense of the National Treasury is admirably arranged to secure the support of Representatives of all sections of the country. It is based on the claims of "deestricks" to be fed from the Treasury of the United States. The River and Harbor bill is drawn to meet the views of every Congressman who wants an appropriation for the so-called improvement of watercourses or harbors in his district. The dishonesty of many of these appropriations has been frequently exposed. But in vain; members from whom we have the right to expect better things vote stolidly for these steals—for they are nothing less—neither defending nor excusing their action. Since Post Offices and United States courts are as widely distributed through the country as trout brooks and mill streams, it is as logical that the Government should be asked to erect costly buildings for the former as to survey, dredge, and scrape out the latter. Members of Congress are not so particular as to the manner in which they get money out of the Treasury into their districts that they consider themselves obliged to furnish justification for the appropriation sought. Anything will do for an excuse. A post village which yields a revenue of $800 a year to the Government in postage receipts must have a building costing $300,000 in which to transact this mighty business. Laborers, contractors, and builders get a large share of this tidy sum. Local manipulators and "strikers" secure a handsome commission on the disbursements. The town has a costly building. And the National Government is compelled to pay for a costly and superfluous incumbrance.

The favorite plan of the manipulators of the Public Buildings grab is to secure a moderate appropriation to begin with, and to trust to luck for a bigger appropriation to finish with. Representative CHITTENDEN condensed the whole case into a brief statement when he said that Congressmen ask for a building "the cost of which shall not exceed $300,000," and then go home and say to their constituents, "Oh, we will get a million more, by and by." Time and again Congressmen remind the House that certain sums have been expended on a building, and that all this will be lost unless the work is completed. This is the constant cry: The work has been begun at great cost; the faith of Congress is pledged to its completion; and so, to use a homely phrase, good money is sent after bad. That this is downright dishonesty, no man familiar with existing laws need be told. The statute of 1870, passed to check a growing extravagance and looseness of expenditure in the cost of erecting public buildings, provides that full estimates for such buildings shall first be approved by certain heads of executive departments, and that "the cost of each building shall not exceed the amount of such estimate." Furthermore, the same law provides that no contract for the erection, repair, or furnishing of any public building shall be entered into, and that the Government to pay a larger sum than the amount in the Treasury appropriated for the specific purpose. This statute is, by some hocus-pocus, habitually disregarded. The tricks resorted to for this purpose are too numerous and various for description here. It is fair to say that of the ninety bills requiring appropriations in various parts of the country, and referred to the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, not one was drawn with the intention to finish the proposed work at the cost named in the bill. Yet this committee took great credit to itself that, instead of reporting the ninety bills, appropriating about $18,000,000 for public buildings, they reported only forty-three, appropriating an amount variously estimated from $6,000,000 to $10,000,000. In each case the bill is merely an entering wedge.

It comes to pass, then, that the House is now considering two distinct propositions which amply illustrate the viciousness of this system. The forty-three bills reported by the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds represent the insidious beginnings. Separate items in the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill represent the continuation. Nobody knows where to look for the end. The forty-three bills ask for appropriations to erect buildings the cost of which shall be strictly limited; and the other bill asks additional appropriations for prosecution of work on structures the cost of which was also "strictly limited" in the original authorization. The beginning is modest and economical. The subsequent appropriation is reckless and extravagant. The Government has been importuned year after year for additional appropriations to finish a Post Office building at Evansville, Ind. In the Sundry Civil bill occurs an item for grading and fencing the grounds about said building, at an expense of $15,000. Yesterday, the House increased this item to $95,000. It is not impossible that somewhere in the flight of ages past was made an original appropriation of $95,000 for building that Post Office. Nor are Congressmen satisfied with their forty-three bills appropriating money for laying foundations for future appropriations. A motion to insert a new item of building appropriations in the Sundry Civil bill was resisted yesterday, for the reason that forty-two similar amendments were waiting to rush into the gate whenever it should be raised. This Congress exceeds its predecessors in recklessness. In the matter of extravagance it will be found, when its record is made up, to have no parallel.

IMPERIALISM.

"I care not who casts the votes of a nation, provided I can count them," NAPOLEON failed to remark. If he had said it, however, he would have frankly expressed the sources of imperialism, and would have made a useful addition to the world's stock of quotations. Among those who clamorously pretend that the election of Gen. GRANT for a third term will be the triumph of imperialism there are probably a very few who really believe what they say. Even these, however, do not for a moment imagine that Gen. GRANT intends to have a luxurious gilt and cotton-velvet throne erected in the White House, and that he means to seat himself on it, wearing a nickel-plated crown ornamented with "California diamonds." They do not expect that the Emperor Ulysses I. will be formally proclaimed, and that he will proceed to create a supply of nobles, and to surround himself with a body-guard. What they mean by "imperialism," so far as they mean anything at all, is the formal or virtual abolition of Presidential elections, together with the extension of the Presidential term of office, making it commensurate with the life of the holder.

There is no doubt that we are threatened with this sort of imperialism. It is not impossible that the approaching Presidential election may be the last free and fair election that this generation will ever see. The next President may come into office in such a way as to render it quite possible for his personal followers to keep him in office for life. This danger, however, is not threatened by the Republican Party nor by the patriotic soldier who is to be its candidate. The real enemies of our present form of government are to be found in the Democratic Party, and it is the Democratic majority in Congress which threatens us with "imperialism."

When this Government was formed, it apparently never occurred to its framers that any safeguards were needed to insure a fair counting of the Presidential vote by Congress. Accordingly, the whole matter was virtually left in the hands of Congress, and the authority of that body in counting its vote is virtually unlimited. If the majority is sufficiently unprincipled and desperate it can nullify the result of any Presidential election. On one pretense or another it can reject the vote of any State, and count in as President a candidate who has been beaten as overwhelmingly as was the late HORACE GREELEY. If the Garcelon Legislature chooses to reassemble and renew its pretense of legitimacy, Congress can reject the vote of the Republican Electors of Maine on the ground that they received their certificates from GARCELON's conspirators. No matter how great may be Gen. GRANT's majority in the next Electoral College, Congress can give the Presidency to his opponent if it sees fit. The power is with the Democratic majority, and its use is wholly a matter of discretion. That majority has only to adopt such rules for counting the vote as will enable it to count in a Democratic candidate, and there is no law to which the cheated candidate can appeal.

It is impossible to deny that the Morgan joint rule may be interpreted as the first step in a Congressional conspiracy to thwart the will of the people as it will be expressed next November. There are men among the Democrats in Congress who are fully capable of stealing the Presidency for their party. There are many more in the party on table of Congress who, assuming, as they do, that Mr. TILDEN was "counted out," are now openly saying: "You counted us out in 1876, and now we'll count you out." Pretexts on which to reject the votes of Republican States can be easily made, and the only safeguard that we have against the falsification by Congress of the Electoral vote is the possibility that the Democratic majority has too much principle or too little courage to such an act.

Whenever a partisan Congress reverses the result of a Presidential election, and thrusts into office a candidate who has been beaten at the polls and in the Electoral College, we have imperialism in its worst form. A crime of this kind, if once successful, can be repeated indefinitely. There is then an end of government by the people. The President who may be fraudulently counted in next year may be counted in every four years so long as his fellow-conspirators are satisfied with him. The form of election by the people may be kept up, but its reality will have vanished. There may be a pretense of respect for the provision limiting the Presidential term to four years, but, in fact, it will be a life-term unless Congress chooses to shorten it. The worst possibilities that heated theorists and reckless demagogues profess to see in the election of Gen. GRANT for a third term will become facts if Congress undertakes to count the vote in a way to insure partisan success in spite of the popular will. Imperialism will not follow the fair re-election of any President who has the confidence of the majority of the people, but it will follow close and sure upon a fraudulent count made by the Democratic Congress.

This danger threatens us. It must forever threaten a nation where to any body of men is confided almost unlimited discretion in counting the Presidential vote. It cannot be met with civil war, for that is a remedy worse than the disease. Probably the good fortune of the Republic will save it from so terrible a fate, but it is none the less true that the only danger of imperialism lies in the possible action of Congress in counting the vote, and that the real imperialists are the men who threaten to "count out" Gen. GRANT.

Mosul, the centre of the famine district in Asiatic Turkey, from which an earnest appeal for aid has just been made to the United States, is situated in what was ancient Mesopotamia. It is of much historic interest, being on the right bank of the Tigris, 160 miles from Bagdad, and opposite the ruins of ancient Nineveh, capital of the great Assyrian Empire, and frequently referred to in the Scriptures. Nineveh is said to have been destroyed by the united armies of the Medes and Babylonians, under CYAXARES and NABOPOLASSAR, 625 years before the Christian era. When HERODOTUS visited it, less than two centuries after, it was utterly demolished. Mosul is in the Province of Al-Jezireh, is surrounded by walls, and commonly more prosperous than most Turkish towns, in consequence of its caravan trade with Diarbekir, Bagdad, and Aleppo. Its prosperity is waning, however, to what it was in the Middle Ages, when it supplied all Europe with its rich manufactures. According to MARCO POLO, muslins got their name from this place, whose bazaars are now filled with products of the West. Its diminished trade is attributable to the rise of Abushahr, a sea-port on the east coast of the Persian Gulf, and the emporium of the Indian trade with Persia. Mosul is the seat of a Jacobite Patriarch, and was formerly the metropolis of all the Mesopotamian Christians; but war, oppression, famine, pestilence, Mohammedan proselytism, and continual anarchy have materially reduced their numbers. The population is estimated at from 20,000 to 40,000, of whom one-fourth may be Christians.

Signor CAMPANINI, having finished his engagements in this country for the season, departs for Europe in the steamer *Celtic* to-morrow morning. He will sing with Mr. Mapleson's company at Her Majesty's Theatre in London for six weeks after his arrival in England, and then, making a brief visit to Paris on route, he will betake himself to his farm near Parma, where he will remain in absolute seclusion, taking the rest he has so well earned. He will return to New-York toward the close of September and take part in the operatic performances at the Academy, which are announced to begin in October next. It is more than doubtful if this century has produced such an artist, all things considered, as ITALO CAMPANINI. The great singer of the first third of the present epoch was GIAMBATTISTA RUBINI, and of him the best authority on matters connected with Italian opera has written: "He rarely tried to act; the moment of the curse in the contract scene of 'Lucia' being the only attempt of the kind that I can call to mind. * * * One remembers RUBINI not by this or by the other character, but by his songs." Signor MARIO was RUBINI's successor in fame and favor with the English and Continental public, and of him CHORLEY, in his "Musical Recollections," says: "Throughout his career he has never wholly got beyond amateurship—has never been a thorough artist, armed at all points for his duties before the public. The charm of personal appearance and graceful demeanor, borne out by a voice the persuasive sweetness of which can never have been exceeded, has fascinated every one into forgetting incompleteness and deficiency which diligent and thoughtful study might have remedied ere RUBINI's successor had been on the stage a couple of years." The sharp contrast between these two foremost artists and the great tenor of to-day will be recognized by every New-York opera-goer. CAMPANINI is not a singer of songs—though no one who has heard him will ever forget the tender grace and delicious sweetness of many of his notable airs; he is a delineator of character, and an exponent of all the grades of human passion, from the hot ardor of the youthful lover to the fierce desire for vengeance stirred in the heart of the man who has been wronged. Some of his personations are sketched with the broad sweep of one of RAFFAELLI's cartoons, others are painted with a delicacy of touch and a minute attention to detail which stamp him the Meissonier of the stage. He is in no sense amateurish. He has arrived at his present position by hard and constant work, after a persistent struggle with the sternest of fates, and he labors more diligently to-day than he has done at any period of his artistic career, as is sufficiently attested by his remarkable progress within the last two years under the eyes of our own public. Signor CAMPANINI carries with him the admiration of all who had a chance to appreciate him as an artist, and the respect and esteem of all who have known his character as a man.

There were some peculiar things about GUSTAVE FLAUBERT, who lately died at his country seat, near Rouen; for, though an author, he could afford the luxury of a country seat, thanks to his paternal inheritance, not to his pen. He died of apoplexy, and as he was fond of bathing, the French, who seldom bathe, think that the extraordinary habit killed him. He was the founder, though not designedly, of the school now known as the naturalistic, specially represented by ZOLA and his followers. While his "Madame Bovary" has been censured for licentiousness, he is said by his friends to have written it with severe artistic conscientiousness, and from earnest and lofty attachment to realism. He spent five years in museums, libraries, and amid the ruins of Carthage, in order to make studies of "Salammbo," before he had written the first line of the novel. Historically and archæologically, it has been praised to the echo by the most discriminating critics. Notwithstanding his ample means, FLAUBERT toiled over his manuscript as if his bread depended on perfection of style, on the smallest detail. Neither ROUSSEAU nor RAMBOUILLET ever labored harder at his self-appointed task. He is known to have spent hours on single lines; he built a book as masons build a cathedral, using words as they use stones; and he would not be satisfied when he could torture from his brain a happier expression. He had faith in his immortality—how many authors have I—and yet the literature of France has long been crowded with entirely forgotten immortals.

An Anglo-American divorce has just been passed upon by a branch of the English High Court of Justice, with results which emphatically show the very painful conflict of laws on the subject of marriage. Mr. BARNES, an Englishman, married an Englishwoman in Birmingham, and afterward came to this country to avoid his creditors. Mrs. BARNES made one ineffectual attempt to join him here, and afterward fled to England, where she sued for a divorce on the ground of her husband's bigamy and adultery. The basis of her complaint was that Mr. BARNES had remarried after some years, and after securing a divorce in Kansas on the ground of desertion. Sir JAMES HANNEN, in delivering judgment, said the first question to be considered was whether Mr. BARNES had acquired a domicile in Kansas at the time of suing for divorce there. Answering that question in the negative, (notwithstanding that the Kansas court was satisfied on the point,) he decided that the English law attached, and that Mr. BARNES's divorce was invalid on the old and very broad ground that "no sentence or act of any foreign court can dissolve an English marriage." Consequently, if Mr. BARNES has any children by his second marriage they are born here and bastards in England, and he himself may be sent to an English prison for an act done with the approval of our courts. The very clear deduction is, the proposition is that if an American should sue for a divorce in an English court after having acquired such a residence as to give the court jurisdiction, (as Mr. BARNES did in Kansas,) the English court should, on the plainest principles of comity, declare or refuse the divorce, not according to the law of England, but according to the law of that one of the United States in which the marriage was celebrated. If the English courts should so act in such a case—a supposition which is sufficiently absurd—the result could only be that, so far as English society should be made up of foreigners, it would consist of an indefinite number of privileged castes living under separate laws as regards the relation of husband and wife. The embarrassments and intricacies which would result need only be hinted at. The question is a very old one, and has given rise to much discussion when changes of domicile were much rarer than now, but it is, nevertheless, not yet settled in all its ramifications as regards the relations not only between English and American laws, but even between the laws of England and Scotland, or of the different States of the United States. There is difficulty in almost any view of the subject, but if it should finally be declared that a marriage dissolved according to the laws of any civilized country is dissolved in every other—just as the general rule is that a marriage valid at the place of celebration is valid everywhere else—the rule would at least be clear and symmetrical, and might also be defended, perhaps, as well as any other. It may be suggested that a more interesting topic could scarcely engage the attention of the society which meets from time to time to discuss questions of international law.

The loss of the English training-ship, the *Atalanta*, which now seems to be settled, beyond a reasonable doubt, has been attributed, with some show of reason, to the gradual decay that has taken place in what may be termed sailing seamanship. The training-ship *Eurydice*, which was capsized off the south coast of England a year or two ago, met her fate in consequence of the bad management of those who were in charge of her. As only two out of the entire crew were saved, it was impossible for the court of inquiry on the disaster to administer more than a formal censure on the imprudence of those who paid the price of their indiscretion with their lives. With the *Atalanta* the case is even worse, for no reliable trace of her has been found; and, while it may be a harsh judgment to say that the accident that must have overtaken her might have been prevented if her officers had been men of more information, what else can be said when a stanch and well-fitted vessel like this sails out of port and is never afterward heard from? It is well known that she must have encountered stormy weather, but so did scores of other vessels that crossed the Atlantic Ocean at the same time, yet these met with no other mishaps than a slight delay. The time has been when a British naval vessel was counted much safer than a merchant ship, but this was due to experience that is not now generally possessed. The modern man-of-war is a marine machine, and a man might live on board of one for a lifetime without acquiring, or having a chance to acquire, that knowledge which was formerly indicated by the name seaman. It was to supply them with this information that such sailing vessels as the *Atalanta* and the *Eurydice* were put in commission, and the loss of these two, instead of deterring the English Government from sending out any more, ought to make them more than ever mindful of the necessity of training their sailors and officers in the old-fashioned ways of the sea, for if men cannot manage a well-equipped sailing-vessel in a storm, what will happen to them if they find themselves in mid-ocean on board of a disabled iron-clad? This criticism might go further and take in the officers and men on American and English ocean steamers.

GENERAL NOTES.

A house in Belfast, Me., shelters, as its sole occupants, three persons, whose ages are 90, 93, and 78 years.

The Bessemer steel works last week made two crow-bars, weighing 325 pounds each, for use in a Vermont slate quarry.

The municipal election in Richmond, Va., occurs to-morrow, when the Mayor, Councilmen, and minor city officers will be chosen.

William Kearney, the youngest brother of Denis Kearney, died in San Francisco on the 18th inst., at the age of 22 years. He was born in Ireland.

Dr. J. W. Kales, of Union Springs, has come forward with a certificate that Courtney is confined to his bed, completely prostrated with cerebral congestion.

A telegram from San Antonio, Texas, to the New-Orleans *Times* gives additional currency to a report that the eldest daughter of Gen. Ord is shortly to marry Gen. Trevino, of the Mexican Army, at Galveston.

The Tallahassee (Fla.) *Patriot* says that Gen. William M. Ledwith, the Republican candidate for Lieutenant-Governor of that State, is "a Southern man, and will poll more Southern votes than any other Republican in the State."

Col. Joseph W. House, who was the only competitor of Representative Poindexter Dunn for the Democratic nomination for the next Congress in the First District of Arkansas, has published a card withdrawing his name from the canvass.

The Washington correspondent of the Richmond (Va.) *Dispatch* says that Senator McDonald still asserts that he is for Hendricks first, last, and all the time, and that he does not think Judge Field an available candidate or one who ought to be nominated.

A rehearing of the case of Stephen Parry Ellis against Jefferson Davis was refused by Justice Bradley and Circuit Judge Woods at New-Orleans on Saturday last, and the decision of Judge Billings dismissing the case for want of jurisdiction was sustained.

The use of candles in the Post Office at Boston nearly caused the destruction of a large amount of property, if not of the entire building, a few nights ago, one of the letter-cases being set on fire by them. Possibly the Democratic majority in Congress will some day learn that this sort of tak does not pay.

The Portland *Oregonian* says that the canvassing tour which the Hon. M. C. George, Republican candidate for Congress, is making in Oregon, is winning a good many men to his side. His meetings are all largely attended, and all over the State a more general interest in political matters is felt than is usual on such occasions.

The Rev. P. J. Buehl, of Massillon, Ohio, has put into verse the confession of the convicted and condemned murderer, Gustave Ohr. It is entitled: "A song of comfort, composed according to the verbal confession of Gustave Adolph Ohr, who is awaiting execution on the 20th day of June, 1880, in the prison of Stark County, State of Ohio. To be set to music by him, which will be published."

The Portland *Press* says that the general feeling among the Republicans of the First District of Maine is that they could not afford to lose the services of the Hon. Thomas B. Reed in Congress. The *Press* considers him, as do well-informed people generally, the ablest Representative the district has had since the days of William Pitt Fessenden, who, by the way, was a firm and helpful friend of Mr. Reed in the latter's youthful days.

A correspondent of the Utica *Herald* reports ex-Gov. Hoffman as saying that one day near the close of his term he was sitting in the executive chamber when a strange man entered, unannounced, and unceremoniously seated himself. In a moment he extended his hand, in the palm of which lay a somewhat battered musket-ball. "Governor," said he, "that musket-ball killed my brother in the streets of New-York. It was fired by one of the Militia, who were acting by virtue of your orders. I regarded you as my brother's murderer, and ever his dead body swore that I would take the same bullet that killed him and with it kill you. I have many times started to make good my vow, but each time faltered it. For certain reasons I have made up my mind to let you live; but I want you to know that you owe your life to me, and continue to live entirely by my sufferance." The man then quietly arose, picked up his hat, and unceremoniously walked away. The Governor, the writer, says, admitted that the episode startled him; but when asked by a prominent Democratic statesman what he would do again in an emergency similar to that of July, 1871, he promptly replied: "I would do precisely as I did before."

THE STATE LEGISLATURE

THE ASSEMBLY PASSES THE SUPPLY BILL.

THE BILL MEETS WITH OPPOSITION HARDLY WORTH NOTICING—THE RESERVOIR REMOVAL BILL FINALLY KILLED—THE LEGISLATURE DECIDES TO ADJOURN ON THURSDAY.

ALBANY, May 25.—After so much talk had been indulged in about the fulsomeness of the Supply bill, it was somewhat surprising that it should pass the Assembly this morning, after a fight against it so feeble that it was scarcely worth notice. Soon after it was reached, Mr. Skinner made a motion to non-concur with the report of the conference committee. Mr. Cookingham took advantage of the opportunity to criticise Mr. Husted for his assertion that the Ways and Means Committee should not be entirely approved for the part it had taken in the matter. He believed the committee had performed its duties faithfully and honestly according to its light. His idea of a supply bill was that it should make appropriations to supply deficiencies, not provide for extraordinary expenses. The present Supply bill contained about $1,000,000 more than the bill of last year, and last year it contained $600,000 for the new Capitol. He asked Mr. Husted for information concerning several items, mentioning among others the appropriation for the Brockport Normal School.

The discussion was dull and desultory, and at last Mr. Alvord called upon some one to suggest an item that could be voted on. Mr. Mitchell called attention to joint rule No. 5, which he understood to forbid the consideration of new matter by a conference committee; yet several items appeared to have been put in the conference report. To this Mr. Husted answered that the conference committee had decided nothing; it had only recommended certain things which the Assembly could accept or reject as it pleased. The first item indicated as objectionable was that appropriating $8,000 to make up the salary of the Insurance Superintendent to $7,000, instead of $6,000, for the past year. Mr. Alvord maintained that it was not in the power of the Legislature to reduce the salary of the Superintendent while in office. The motion to strike out was lost—yeas 37, nays 51. The next item noted upon was one providing for the construction of bridges on the Adirondack reservation, and that was defeated, the vote on the motion being 52 to 44. Mr. Cropser moved to strike out an appropriation of $9,000 for an armory in Flushing, for a separate company of Militia, and he made a slam-bang speech to back his motion. In the course of it, he charged the Legislature had accomplished nothing "Where are your tax bills, your railroad bills, and other measures which the people demanded?" No one could think of anything that had been done to answer the indictment. He had discovered that the Belden claim had been stricken out, as it had been discovered that a bill passed this session, for which he had voted, authorizing the payment of the Belden judgment. Mr. Cropser's speech fell flat as he talked, and was declared lost. Several other motions were made to strike out, none of which prevailed.

The paving question was ordered on the motion to concur with the report of the committee. Mr. Brennan, who had led the fight, spoke of the bill as resembling boarding-house hash—a thing synthetically put together, and to be taken almost entirely on trust. He believed the Governor would use his pruning-knife liberally in going over it. The bill was constructed a good deal on the basis of a stalking-horse and a little pony. Mr. Cropser replied that he avowed the sentiment from Franklin must have been tickled, judging from the change of position that he had made. By dint of holding on to the roll-call until every vote could be thumbed up, the bill was passed—28 yeas, 22 nays—only two votes more for the bill than were absolutely needed. Mr. Husted made the most of his success, speaking a little speech full of complimentary allusions to the House for the kindness with which he had been treated.

Mr. Husted was not so successful in his attempt to rehabilitate the Reservoir Removal bill. It had been lost, and a motion to reconsider lay on the table. This was taken up, and the motion to reconsider prevailed to the House. Mr. Husted and Mr. Mitchell indulged in a little Parliamentary sparring over the bill, and at last the previous question was ordered. The motion to reconsider failed, the vote being 63 to 48—65 votes being required for reconsideration.

It was found by members who looked over the business on hand, that it would be impossible to adjourn to-morrow, although many members were anxious to do so. Just before the noon recess it was ordered a resolution was called from the table making the 81st the date for adjourning. To this Mr. Tozier offered an amendment, fixing the hour and day as 4 o'clock on Wednesday. Mr. Skinner amended this motion by suggesting Thursday, May 27, at 12 o'clock noon, and this was carried by a large majority on a rising vote. The resolution was soon after concurred in by the Senate.

Mr. Wren made a vigorous effort this morning to induce the House to consider the Excise bill, which is demanded by 30 members from Kings and New-York. He thought it remarkable that so large a proportion of the Legislature could not be accorded the privilege of the time and attention necessary to dispose of the bill. His motion was lost. The Assembly, struggling with the bill, began to show the effects of the speech of adjournment, and went on very leisurely this morning, doing little more than to pass the Supply bill and kill the Reservoir Removal bill. The bill to allow the Court of Appeals to pass upon the claims of Worthington, Swift, Dancids, and Sullivan, which came from the Senate this morning, was opposed by Mr. Brennan, and a conference committee was appointed. Mr. Shandley, the Democratic leader, has managed to get in shape a bill for the Republican associates in holding forward the Industrial Exhibition measures here. On Monday night he had an act enabling the managers to hold lands for exhibition purposes ordered to a third reading, out of its order, and to-day, when the business was pressing and members were anxious about their personal bills, he had a resolution on the subject, memorializing Congress to aid the project, adopted out of its turn, and the bill yesterday ordered to a third reading was passed without the formal consideration. The afternoon was spent in third reading of bills. Mr. Travis made an effort to have the vote by which the Third-avenue relief bill was lost reconsidered. Mr. Mitchell led the opposition and defeated the motion by reconsidering. One hundred and one bills remain to be passed in the Assembly.

THE DAY'S WORK IN THE SENATE.

THE SUPPLEMENTAL BROOKLYN BILL PASSED—AN INVESTIGATION OF NEW-YORK CITY METHODS ORDERED.

ALBANY, May 25.—The Supplemental Single-headed Commission bill for Brooklyn, providing that the City Auditor be called on as a third person in appointing heads of commissions, in case the Mayor and Controller cannot agree, was taken up in the Senate as a special order at 11 o'clock. Mr. Schroeder said that two weeks ago, when the bill, now in the hands of the Governor, was before the Senate, Mr. Jacobs offered an amendment to it that would have made the appointing power the same as it is under the present bill. But since the passage of the bill making the Mayor and Controller the appointing power, the people of Brooklyn were apprehensive that there might be no agreement between them, and that single-headed commissions would, consequently, be delayed for two years. Therefore, there had been a consultation of Republicans and other citizens, and they had recommended that a third officer, as provided in this bill, be added to the appointing power. There was no concealing the fact that this was in one sense a partisan bill—a Republican bill—but the leading Democratic paper of Brooklyn, in order to rid the city of the oppressive power of "Boss" McLaughlin, was heartily in favor of it. The Mayor of the city had written a letter, which would doubtless be read to the Senate, in which he says that, if the appointing power be left as it is, he will endeavor to agree with the Controller and appoint heads of departments without regard to party politics. This was those nearest to a man to pretend who was elected on strict partisan grounds. It was impossible to foresee the exigencies of the appointments, especially on the eve of a Presidential election. He believed this bill would have the effect to harmonize the Republican Party of Kings County; it received 26 votes in the Assembly, and he hoped it would pass the Senate.

Mr. Martin said he supposed that when the bill came before the Governor it would be passed, that, by the end of agitation teaching the City Government of Brooklyn. He denied the statement of Mr. Schroeder that the Mayor and Controller would not agree on these appointments. If they did not, it would be the Controller's fault, for the Mayor was ready to make the appointments on non-partisan grounds and solely in the interest of the City.

Mr. Jacobs said it was true, as had been stated, that two weeks ago he offered an amendment similar to the present bill, but Mr. Schroeder opposed it, and said he would not see the bill talk, then he (Jacobs) would see the bill passed, in the vicinity of the Senator from the Third. If he was because, two weeks ago, the Auditor, who is to be made the third person in the appointing power, was not a friend of Mr. Schroeder, and more that he was last Friday forced to defeat the bill for the same reason. Since then a bargain had been made between the Auditor and the Senator, and the question now was whether the Senate was ready to ratify that bargain. The Auditor wants to be invested with all power in making these appointments. He was to be a magnificent fellow. Mr. Jacobs had presented and had read a letter addressed to him by the Mayor, indorsed by Mr. Schroeder, in which the Mayor stated that he was a great deal better than one man, but he would prefer to have it on another, so he gave the out of the appointing power. Mr. Jacobs concluded by calling attention to the incongruity of the Senate, should it pass a bill like this after having rejected, in two cases for New-York City. He did not believe even Mr. Schroeder himself had any heart in such a bill as this, but he was a victim to the wiles of men who were making office at the expense of his reputation.

The bill was then put on its final passage, the question being on concurring with the Assembly, and it passed by a vote of 19 to 5, as follows: Republicans in roman, Democrats in italics:

YEAS—Messrs. Astor, Baker, Birdsall, Brennan, Dayton, Gilman, Halbert, Lozier, Madden, McCarthy, Miller, Robertson, Schroeder, Strahan, Woodcock, Wright, Yaw, Chairman—19.

NAYS—Messrs. Alden, Fowler, Hogan, Jacobs, Martin, Rockwell, Sackett, Schoonmaker, Spencer, Tucker, Wagner, Wemple, Pitts, Sher Man, Sessions, Woodin, Pitts, Lord, Forsyth—5.

ABSENT—Messrs. Cantine, Lynch, Wagner—3.

The Governor created a great deal of surprise and some indignation among Senators by vetoing the bill for the rebuilding of Washington Market. Mr. Pitts presented the report of the committee appointed to investigate the charges against the Trustees of the Binghamton Asylum, and it was made a special order for to-morrow at 11 A. M. It finds the charges that the Trustees expended money in excess of the appropriation true; also, that they did not let all the work by contract, and therein violated the law. At the same time the committee says the evidence tends to show that the Trustees acted in good faith. Mr. Woodin offered a resolution, which was adopted, that the Lieutenant-Governor appoint three Senators to investigate the management of the State Asylums for the Insane, and the general subject of lunacy in this State, and report, by bill or otherwise, to the next Legislature. At the evening session the Senate passed one of the Hepburn Railroad bills, requiring more particular and detailed reports to be made by railroad companies to the State Engineer. This bill goes to the Governor, and is one of the three minor bills of the Railroad Committee that have passed both houses. The Anti-discrimination bill, as amended by the Senate, is still in the Railroad Committee of the lower house, whose members are so disgusted with the way it is emasculated in the Senate that it is doubtful whether they will touch it again.

Mr. McCarthy offered a resolution for the appointment by the Chair of a committee of three Senators, who shall investigate the subject of reduction of salaries and expenses in New-York City during the recess, and report by bill to the next Legislature. In offering the resolution, Mr. McCarthy said that while he did not desire to be Chairman of the committee, yet his experience in the Senate had convinced him that the Chairman should not be from New-York. Mr. Strahan said he had drawn a similar resolution, which he was just on the point of offering, and he now moved it as a substitute for Mr. McCarthy's. He explained to the Senate the constitutional restrictions which lie in the way of an immediate and general reduction of salaries in New-York, but said that much might be accomplished by an intelligent and detailed examination of the workings of the City departments, such as his resolution contemplated. After much discussion, during which Mr. Strahan, in answer to an inquiry by Mr. Woodin as to whether this investigation was to take the place of any legislation at this session on the subject of salaries, said that it was not; that amendments to the Public Burdens bill were nearly perfected, and would be introduced to-morrow, Mr. Strahan's substitute was put to vote and rejected. Mr. McCarthy's resolution was then adopted. It is reported that "Jim" Belden was the inspiriter of Mr. McCarthy's resolution, and that it was intended to head off Mr. Strahan. There is much indignation among the New-York Senators at this imperinent interference of the Onondaga politicians in New-York affairs, and it is generally conceded that, had as is the New-York machine, it is not likely to be improved by Salt Point manipulators, headed by Belden. The Lieutenant-Governor has not yet appointed the committee, but it is supposed that Mr. McCarthy will be Chairman, and that the investigation will amount to nothing, except to get a little city patronage for Syracuse.

The bill for the repavement of Fifth-avenue was passed, the selection of the pavement and the superintendence of the work to be done by Mr. Johnson and Mr. Dunlap, in conjunction with the Superintendent of Public Works. The bill to prevent vacating assessments hereafter in New-York was ordered to a third reading. The Hudson River Tunnel bill was passed, and goes to the Governor; also the bill paying the widow of Chief-Justice Church the remainder of his salary for this year.

The passage of the Brooklyn Single-headed Commission bill appears to have created a panic among Democratic office-holders in that city, and grave doubts are expressed this evening whether the bill will even yet reach a place on the statute-books. It is now in the hands of the Governor.

AMUSEMENTS.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Mr. Maurice Grau's season of French opera was concluded last night, and to-day most of his artists will sail for Havre in the steamer St. Laurent. The final performance was given for the benefit of M. Capoul, and consisted of the first act of "Le Pre aux Clercs," the second act of "Le Postillon de Lonjumeau," and two acts of "Mignon," in all of which M. Capoul took part. His appearance on the stage was the signal for an outburst of applause, which continued some moments, and indicated the favor in which he is held by the devotees of French opera. The audience was the largest of Mr. Grau's season at the Academy of Music, the parquet and balcony being comfortably full, and was more demonstrative than of late. M. Capoul sang in his characteristic way, which, though open to criticism from a strictly musical stand-point, seems to suit the Gallic taste and to be well adapted for most of the work he is called upon to do. He is invariably vivacious and graceful in his action, and is always thoroughly at home in all matters of stage detail. The other artists last night gave him their best support, and the performance was evidently much enjoyed, in spite of the oppressive heat. Mr. Grau will sail to-day in the Cunard steam-ship Gallia, and proposes to visit London, Paris, and Germany to complete arrangements for the next season of French opera in this country. He has already engaged a number of his present artists and is negotiating for others, among whom are M. Nigui, a celebrated French tenor. He promises to secure several operatic novelties and to return to New-York early in the Fall with his new troupe. All of which would seem to indicate that his past season of 14 months had been a pecuniary success.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.

A play called "The Croothawn" was produced for the first time last evening at Booth's Theatre. It should be shelved immediately, for it is irredeemably bad. "The Croothawn" belongs to that remarkable class of works known collectively as the Irish drama. In its absolute lack of merit it may be compared with the worst of them. Its plot is based upon a situation which is transparently absurd; its story is colorless and dull; its drift complicated and obscure; its dialogue verbose, and the relation between the leading character—Pandya Pender, described as a poet and apparently an ancestor of Peter Pindar—and the drama itself is more mysterious than a seventh cousinship. It is clear that "The Croothawn" was written and put together by an amateur in language and dramatic construction. Moreover, the performance was exceedingly weak. Mr. Cahill, the chief actor, showed little skill and no humor in his playing; while Miss Rose Lisle, who enacted the heroine, was quite out of place. The only acting not wholly mediocre was that of Mr. J. F. Peters, who wrestled valorously with a character which typified somewhat curiously the extremes of virtue and vice. It should be added that "The Croothawn" was placed upon the stage with care, the groupings and situations showed good stage management, and, in brief, much serious attention was given to a matter of no moment.

GENERAL MENTION.

Herr Joseffy's last concert will be with an orchestra, at Chickering Hall, to-night.

The new Metropolitan Concert Hall will be opened to the public on Thursday evening. To-night there will be a rehearsal of the orchestra, when the stockholders and their invited guests will inspect the building.

"Evangeline" was reproduced at Niblo's Garden on Monday night, and will be played there throughout this week. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is now so be seen at the Standard Theatre, where it was revived on Monday evening by the Slavin combination. It should not be forgotten that the present week is the last of the regular season at Wallack's, the last of Miss Minnie Palmer's engagement at the San Francisco Opera-house, the last of Herrmann's performances at Haverly's, and the last of "The Brook" at Daly's Theatre. That time-honored drama, "Ten Nights in a Bar-room," is now performing twice every day at the Aquarium.

ENGLISH BUSINESS NOTES.

LONDON, May 25.—There were no manifestations of feeling on the resumption of work at the Blackburn Mills to-day.

The Times, in its financial column, says: "There are several influences tending to increase the depression on the Stock Exchange. The approach of greater activity at the money market, with expectations of a rise, which are numerous, to sell out, rather than face possibly heavy carrying-over rates; there is, also, a good deal of vague uneasiness about the condition of the money and produce markets. Losses are heard of in all directions, and rumor magnifies their importance and effect."

DECORATING CONFEDERATE GRAVES.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., May 25.—The annual memorial observance in honor of the Confederate dead was kept here this afternoon. A large assemblage succeeded in strewing the graves with flowers.

MAY'S GREETING TO JULY

THE ENERGETIC SPRING SUN SCORES 94 IN THE SHADE.

A BRIEF RECORD OF THE HOTTEST DAY IN MAY IN MANY YEARS—A COURIER OF COMING SUMMER—THE WEATHER YESTERDAY ELSEWHERE—STORMS IN THE WEST.

The atmosphere in this neighborhood on Monday night was warm and sultry, but there was no indication of the intense heat which was to mark yesterday as the hottest day in the month of May for many years. As early dawn yesterday there was a haze in the east, and the air was very still. Belated night-workers and early risers walked to their farms and cars leisurely, and the draught horses that were on duty at that early hour were already beginning to pant from the effects of the rapidly-increasing temperature. The brakemen and conductors of the elevated railroads in these early hours were clad in their coolest costumes, and they took occasion to remark frequently to the passengers that it was going to be a hot day. Along the rivers the haziness of the atmosphere denoted that a good day's work had been begun in the way of evaporation. As the sun rose higher above the horizon the heat in the City streets became intense. Up on the Harlem River there was scarcely a breath of wind stirring, and even on High Bridge, which is generally a cool place on the hottest midsummer day, it was necessary to make believe a great deal to discover any invigorating element in the air, even at 6 o'clock in the morning. People with leisure sought these retreats in the upper part of the City at very early hours, and beer, which is, even at this late day, supposed to be a cooling drink, was eagerly demanded at the various inns at a time when City people usually eat their breakfasts. Business men who live out of town had sufficient warning of what the day was going to be in the City, and prepared for it. They met each other at the railroad stations clad in blue flannel and duck, and told one another that it was going to be a hot day. The school-girls all wore garments of comfortable and pretty wash goods, and managed to appear as cool as naiads, so that the early local trains which rumbled into the Grand Central Depot had a refreshing appearance in spite of the locomotives and their choking smoke.

The heat continued to increase till the middle of the afternoon, when the thermometer was considerably above the average heat of midsummer. Everybody who possibly could, found a shady nook somewhere, and kept as quiet as possible. There was not a breath of air stirring. Sit in front of what open door or window you might, it was the same old story of hot air coming at you from all sides, baking you. The Signal Office offered no hope to the baking public. It was the same thing all over the country—fair and warm, and no storms anywhere. There was a good deal of trouble with dray horses, but not nearly as much difficulty with the street-car horses as might have been expected. The companies were prepared for it, and took good care of their animals. On the longer lines, particularly on the Third-avenue line, frequent changes were made, and the horses were given plenty of water, and long rests. Whenever a horse showed any signs of suffering, he was taken out as soon as possible, and a fresh horse was put in his place. The man who waters the horses in front of the Cooper Institute did a thriving business by putting up a sign "Ice-water, 1 cent a glass." It was a day on which as it grew space even the Germans found room to complain. Mr. Alexander Thompson, of New-York, has been boarding at Stitter's Hotel, Sand Lake, for several weeks. During the last fortnight it has been noticed that he acted in a singular way, but none of his acquaintances at the hotel believed him to be deranged. At 3 o'clock this afternoon he was found lying on the bed in his room with two ugly gashes in his neck. A razor, covered with blood, lay on the floor in front of the bed. Dr. Carmichael was called. He found a cut on the right side of Thompson's throat, about two inches long, while one on the left side was double that length. Twenty-seven stitches were required to close the wounds. Thompson is in a very critical condition. He is about 60 years old and is a native of Ireland. He was proprietor of the Sand Lake Village House. His desperate attempt at suicide was undoubtedly the result of temporary insanity.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., May 25.—Samuel Butler, a well-to-do farmer, of Wendell, hanged himself this morning, while in a fit of despondency.

FUNERAL OF MR. MONROE F. GALE.

The funeral services over the remains of the late Mr. Monroe Forbes Gale, for so many years the foreman of THE TIMES composing-room, took place at the residence of the deceased, No. 161 Fort Greene-place, Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon. There was a very large attendance of friends and relatives of Mr. Gale. The various departments of THE TIMES office were represented very fully, especially the composing-room. Mr. George Jones was one of the first to arrive at the house. Very many old employes of THE TIMES paid their last tribute to their old associate, so that the gathering at the house was a reunion of those who have been long separated. The coffin inclosing the remains was covered with black velvet and cloth, and had silver fittings. Numerous beautiful and fragrant floral offerings were placed about the coffin and the room, the tributes of relatives and friends. Shortly after 4 o'clock, the Rev. Mr. Baker, of the Church of the Messiah, read the funeral service of the Protestant Episcopal Church, with a moving earnestness and solemnity peculiarly impressive. The commitment service was reserved for the grave. The interment will take place this morning, privately, at Green-Wood.

A WOMAN'S FIGHT WITH A TRAMP.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 25.—In East Greenwich this morning, a tramp entered the farm house of Charles T. Hopkins, and when Mrs. Hopkins returned after a brief absence, she found him gathering up the spoons and other silver. He turned upon her, threw her down, pounded her shockingly, and stripped off her clothing, when she told him he could have the money which was in the house if he would let her get up. Eager for money, he relaxed his hold, when she seized a loaded gun. The tramp tried to wrest it from her, but, unable to do so, he sprang from a window when Mrs. Hopkins fired. He gave a scream and fled to the woods, where search is now being made for him. A doctor was summoned for the brave woman. She is dangerously hurt.

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DIED.

ANDERSON.—In Brooklyn, on the 24th inst., RANE Brown, wife of Alexander Anderson, of Waterbury, Conn., and formerly of Brooklyn.

Notice of funeral in Waterbury morning's papers.

BAXTER.—At Paterson, N. J., on Monday, May 24, SUSANNA BAXTER, in the 79th year of his age.

Funeral services from the Church of the Ascension, this (Wednesday) afternoon, at 4 o'clock. Interment at 10 o'clock, Friday, May 28, in Greenwood.

BELLOWS.—May 24, of pneumonia, after a brief illness, FRANCIS WILLIAM GREENWOOD BELLOWS, in the 39th year of his age.

Relatives and friends are hereby invited to attend his funeral, at 9:15 punctually, on Thursday morning, at the residence of his brother, the Rev. Dr. Bellows, No. 206 East 15th-st., Brooklyn, to Greenwood.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services at Grace Church, corner of Broadway and 10th-st., on Thursday morning, at 10 A. M. It is requested that no flowers be sent.

CLARK.—On Monday, May 24, JOHN M. CLARK, in the 64th year of his age.

Funeral at his late residence, No. 68 Lexington-av., on Thursday, at 10:30 o'clock A. M. Interment in the family vault, Cypress Hills Cemetery, Long Island, by 11 o'clock boat. Friends invited without further notice.

CLARK.—At Englewood, N. J., May 24, FRANCES KATHERE, wife of Chas. C. Clark, in the 45th year of her age.

Funeral from St. Paul's Church, Englewood, N. J., Thursday, May 27, at 4:30 o'clock P. M. Friends are requested to attend without further notice. Train leaves Jersey City for Northern Railroad of New-Jersey at 3 o'clock P. M.

FIELDS.—On Monday, May 24, ISADORA, second daughter of John T. and Annie Fields.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services on Thursday, 27th inst., at 3 P. M., at the residence of her parents, No. 118 LaFayette-place, Brooklyn.

☞ Paterson (N. J.) papers please copy.

GRAY.—On Monday, May 24, MARY JACKSON, wife of Charles S. Gray.

Funeral services at her late residence, No. 13 St. Mark's-place, on Wednesday, 26th inst., at 8 P. M.

GREEN.—At Fairmount, N. J., May 24, MABEL POSTWICK, daughter of Wendell M. and Annie W. Green, aged 5 years 5 months and 15 days.

Funeral services at the chapel of the Broadway Tabernacle, Wednesday, May 26, at 4 P. M.

GRIFFITH.—At his residence, No. 88 Tompkins-place, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Tuesday, May 25, CHARLES THOMAS GRIFFITH, in the 59th year of his age.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

HOUE.—At Thomasville, Ga., on Monday, May 24, aged 69 years, JOHN DE WITT HOUE, of this City.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

JONES.—At Sing Sing, on Monday, May 24, AMELIA E., daughter of the late John S. and Sarah Vermilyea Jones.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services at her late residence, State-st., Sing Sing, on Wednesday, May 26, at 4 o'clock.

LAPHAM.—Suddenly, on Monday, May 24, EDWARD CLARENCE, infant son of Elijah C. and Julia A. Lapham, aged 4 months and 20 days.

Funeral at the late residence of his parents, No. 427 West 34th-st., on Wednesday morning, at 10 o'clock.

MORGAN.—Suddenly, at Tunbridge Wells, England, on Sunday, May 23, JOHN DAVID MORGAN, son of David P. and Caroline Fellowes Morgan, of this City.

NEERGAARD.—JOHN WILLIAM NEERGAARD, on Tuesday, May 25, in the 20th year of his age.

Funeral services from his late residence, No. 24 East 28th-st., on Thursday, May 27, at 2 P. M. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

PIGOTT.—At Paterson, N. J., BERNARD PIGOTT, aged 12 years, son of Kate Maloney and John Pigott.

Funeral will take place from No. 68 Wooster-st., on Thursday morning.

SMITH.—At Flushing, N. Y., May 20, ABIGAIL C., wife of Jacob S. Smith, and daughter of the late Major James D. Wallace, of this City.

TOWNSEND.—On Monday, May 24, ABIGAIL J. TOWNSEND.

Funeral services at the residence of his sister, Mrs. R. L. Sterling, No. 185 East 76th-st., on Wednesday, at 2 P. M. Interment at Whippany, N. J., on Thursday, at 3 P. M.

VAN WYCK.—In Brooklyn, on Tuesday, May 25, PIERRE MARTOU VAN WYCK, aged 83 years.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, No. 1,118 Pacific-st., on Thursday, 27th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M.

WATSON.—In Paris, May 20, FANNIE GURNEY, wife of J. H. Watson, and daughter of Walter S. and Mary M. Gurney.

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WEBSTER.—On Monday, at No. 4 West 23d-st., New-York, after a week's illness, SOPHIE FASHNIE, wife of Noah Webster, and daughter of Isaac P. Westcott, of Newark.

Funeral Wednesday, 2 A. M., at All Souls' Church, (Dr. Bellows's.) Burial at Cheltenham, N. H.

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SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—MAY 25.

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MINING STOCK EXCHANGE SALES—MAY 25.

THIRD CALL, 2:30 P. M.

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TUESDAY, May 25—P. M.

On the Stock Exchange to-day the business was immense in volume, and the dealings at intervals were attended with much excitement. At the opening prices advanced ¼ to 1 ⅌ cent, the latter in New-York Central. The improvement was not maintained, however, and, under a vigorous pressure to sell, a decline ensued, ranging from ¼ to 6¾ ⅌ cent. New-Jersey Central was most conspicuous in the downward movement. A rally middle of the market became strong and ever buoyant, and heavy blocks of stock were eagerly taken at advancing quotations to cover short contracts. The improvement was most marked in New-Jersey Central, which rose 8¾ ⅌ cent. Toward the close prices fell off ¼ to 1½ ⅌ cent, but the decline was nearly recovered in the final dealings, and the closing quotations were at or near the highest prices of the day. It is stated that an agreement was entered into to-day by the coal companies to advance the price of coal 50 cents ⅌ ton on June 1st.

The transactions aggregated 579,740 shares, including 111,500 Erie, 84,000 Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 64,400 Lake Shore, 42,900 New-Jersey Central, 30,400 Union Pacific, 29,400 St. Paul, 17,700 Wabash, Chicago and North-west, 17,600 Hannibal and St. Joseph, 12,000 Kansas and Texas, 9,700 Pacific Mail, 8,200 Ohio and Mississippi, 7,800 Delaware and Hudson, 7,600 New-York Central, 6,700 Sutro Tunnel, 5,900 Union Pacific, 5,500 Iron Mountain, 5,400 Ontario and Western, 5,400 Reading, 3,800 Nashville Chattanooga, 3,000 Morris and Essex, 2,900 C., C., C. and I., 2,800 Canada Southern, 2,700 Michigan Central, 2,600 Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph, and 2,400 Manhattan.

North-west advanced from 84¾ to 87¼, declined to 87⅛, rose to 87¾ and closed at 86¾. Paul rose from 48¾ to 49¾, fell off to 48¾, and advanced to 49¾. Delaware, Lackawanna and Western sold up from 68 to 71¼, broke to 68¼, advanced to 70¼, receded to 69¾, and recovered to 70¼. Delaware and Hudson rose from 64¾ to 64¾, declined to 63, sold up to 67, and reacted to 66. New-Jersey Central advanced from 37 to 40¾, dropped to 35, sold up to 38¾, receded to 31¾, and recovered to 38¾. Morris and Essex advanced from 109 to 110, fell off to 107, and rose to 109¼. Reading rose from 19¾ to 20, receded to 19¾, advanced to 20¾, and receded to 20¼. Erie sold up from 27¾ to 28¾, fell off to 26¾, advanced to 27¾, and closed at 27¼. Lake Shore rose from 61 to 61¾, and then fell to 61. Illinois Central sold up from 95 to 96, receded to 95¼, and advanced to 96¼. Pacific Mail rose from 29¾ to 32¾, receded to 29¾, and advanced to 30¾, closing at 30. Hannibal and St. Joseph sold up from 38 to 38¾, fell off to 37¾, and advanced to 38¾. Ohio and Mississippi rose from 8¾ to 9, receded to 8¾, and closed at 8¾. Kansas and Texas sold up from 33¾ to 34¾, fell off to 33¾, and closed at 34. Western Union Telegraph rose from 99¾ to 100, receded to 99¾, and closed at 100. Sutro Tunnel rose from 1 to 1¼. Canada Southern sold up from 49¾ to 50¾, receded to 49¾, and closed at 50. Ontario and Western rose from 13¾ to 14¼, receded to 13¾, and closed at 14. Union Pacific rose from 95¾ to 96¾, receded to 95¾, and closed at 96. Iron Mountain rose from 47 to 47¾, receded to 46¾, and closed at 47. Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph declined from 3¾ to 3¼, advanced to 3¾, and reacted to 3¼. C., C., C. and I. fell off from 60¾ to 61, and advanced to 64.

Money was more active to-day, but the increased demand is in no way connected with the easy working of the market, and Stock Exchange borrowers found ready accommodation throughout the day at 3@4 ⅌ cent for call loans. At the close the ruling quotation was 4 ⅌ cent. The rates on Government bonds as collateral ranged from 1 to 3 ⅌ cent. Time loans were offered at 4@5 ⅌ cent. In the discount market, prime mercantile paper is unchanged. The following were the rates of domestic exchange on New-York at the undermentioned cities to-day: Savannah, buying 5-16, selling 3-16 premium; Charleston, buying ½ premium, selling ¾ premium; New-Orleans, commercial par@$5 bank $50 premium; St. Louis, 50 ⅌ $1,000 premium; Chicago, 50 discount, and Boston 25c. discount.

The foreign advices reported British Consols at London fairly steady at 99⅛@99¼ for money and 99⅛@99⅜ for the account. United States Government bonds were steady and unchanged. In American railway securities, Erie common declined from 28½ to 31¾, and recovered to 33; do. consolidated Seconds declined from 88@90 to 84¼, and recovered to 85¼; do. Funded Fives fell off from 82 to 81¼, and Illinois Central from 104 to 103¼. Reading sold down from 11 to 10½, and recovered to 10¾. Atlantic and Great Western Firsts declined from 64 to 61¼, and recovered to 63, and do. Seconds receded from 28 to 26¼, and recovered to 27. Bar Silver was quoted at 52 1-16d. ⅌ ounce. At Paris, Rentes advanced from 80f. 35c. to 80f. 32½c. Exchange on London was advanced to 25f. 30½c.

In the Sterling Exchange market the nominal asking quotations remain unchanged, but the business to-day was less active, and the rates on actual transactions were not quite so firm. Up to the present there have been no announcements made of engagements for the shipment of gold. The basis on which actual business was transacted was as follows: Bankers' bills, $4 85 to $4 85¼; demand, $4 88 to $4 89¼; cable transfers, $4 89½ to $4 89¾; commercial bills, $4 84¾ to $4 85.

Government bonds were strong on small offerings, and closed as an advance of ¼ ⅌ cent for the coupon and 4s registered and coupon, the other issues being unchanged. Railroad bonds were unusually active, especially for Erie consolidated Seconds, the sales of which aggregated $3,064,000. In the early dealings prices declined ¼ to 8¾ ⅌ cent, but in the late transactions a strong tone prevailed, and an improvement ranging from ¼ to 6¾ ⅌ cent was recorded. Erie funded fell heavily in the downward and New-Jersey Central convertibles in the upward movement; Erie consolidated Seconds declined from 84¾ to 81¼, recovered to 84¼, and closed at 83¾; do. funding fell off from 83¾ to 74¼, and recovered to 78¼. New-Jersey Central Firsts, consolidated assented, sold down from 95 to 90, and rose to 96¼; do. do. convertibles assented dropped from 96 to 90, and recovered to 96¼; do. adjustments declined from 104 to 98; Kansas and Texas Firsts fell off from 101¾ to 100¾, and recovered to 100¾; do. Seconds broke from 55 to 51¾, and rose to 53¾; Chesapeake and Ohio, Class B, declined 1 ⅌ cent, to 62, but returned to 63; C., C. and I. C. incomes sold down from 30¾ to 29, and advanced to 31; Lehigh and Wilkesbarre assented fell off from 85 to 83, and recovered to 87; North-west Consols declined from 123 to 121, and recovered to 122½; do. gold coupons rose from 119¼ to 120; Wabash consolidated convertible declined from 94¾ to 93¾, and returned to 94¾; do. Fires, St. Louis Division, fell off from 105 to 103; Iron Mountain Firsts declined from 113¾ to 113, and do. Seconds from 98 to 97; do. First preferred incomes fell off from 76 to 75, and do. Second do. from 68 to 65¾, the latter recovering to 67¼; Boston, Hartford and Erie Firsts rose from 89 to 90¾; C., C., C. and I. Firsts from 117 to 119; Kansas Pacific Firsts, consolidated, declined from 90¼ to 89; C., C. and I. C. supplementary Firsts from 80 to 79; Hannibal and St. Joseph convertible 8s from 105¾ to 106; Mobile and Ohio debentures from 99 to 98¾; New-York Elevated Firsts from 112 to 110¾; Metropolitan Elevated Firsts from 101¾ to 101; Ohio and Mississippi consolidated sinking funds from 115 to 114¼; Rome Watertown consolidated Firsts from 58¾ to 54, and Indianapolis, Decatur and Springfield Seconds from 65 to 62¼.

The domestic exports from this port for the week ending to-day were $8,800,566. The exports since Jan. 1 were $149,650,603, against $121,124,235 for the same period in 1879, and $133,702,070 in 1878.

United States Treasury,
New-York, May 25, 1880.

Receipts	$1,167,500 31
Payments	$1,167,500 31
Balance, coin	$8,128,806 75
Balance, notes	$4,050,534 04

CLOSING QUOTATIONS—MAY 25.

	Monday.	Tuesday.
United States 6s, 1867, coupon	107¾	107¾
United States 4½s, 1891, coupon	112¾	112¾
United States 4s, 1907, coupon	109¾	109¾
United States 4s, 1907, registered	109	109
Adams Express	112	112¼
American Express	50	50
Albany and Susquehanna	101	101
Alton and Terre Haute	15	15
Alton and Terre Haute pref.	57¾	57¾
Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph	3¾	3¾
American Dist. Telegraph	40	40
Boston Water Power	9	9
Boston Air Line	92	92
Burlington and Missouri	114	114
C., C. and Northern	97	97
Canton	52	52
Central Iowa	23¾	23¾
Climax Mining	45	45
Caribou Mining	2¾	2¾
Central Arizona	1	1
Chicago and Alton	112	112
Chicago and Alton pref.	117	117
Chicago, Burlington and Quincy	131¾	131¾
Chicago and Eastern Illinois	47	47
Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul	29¾	29¾
Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul pref.	102¾	102¾
Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific	119	119¼
Cleveland and Pittsburg	132	132
Consolidation Coal	30	30
Colorado Coal and Iron	50	50
Delaware, Lackawanna and Western	69¾	70¼
Dubuque and Sioux City	50	50
Excelsior Mining	1	1
Hannibal and St. Joseph	38¾	38¾
Hannibal and St. Joseph pref.	70¾	70¾
Homestake Mining	1	1
Houston and Texas	30	30
Illinois Central	95¾	96¼
Indianapolis, Bloomington and West	30¾	30¾
Central Pacific	37¾	37¾
Keokuk and Des Moines	7¾	7¾
Keokuk and Des Moines pref.	15	15
Lake Shore	61¾	61¾
Lake Shore and Michigan S.	92¾	92¾
Lake Superior	29¾	29¾
Lake Superior and Mississippi	4¾	4¾
Louisville and Nashville	69¾	69¾
Louisville, New Albany and Chicago	8¾	8¾
Louisville and Nashville	72	72
Marietta and Cincinnati	13	13
Marietta and Cincinnati 1st pref.	50	50
Marietta and Cincinnati 2d pref.	30	30
Michigan Central	91¾	91¾
Mobile and Ohio	24¾	24¾
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	34	34¾
Morris and Essex	109	109¼
Nash., Chat. and St. Louis	54	54
New-Jersey Central	38¾	38¾
New-York Central	93¾	94¾
New-York Central scrip	93¾	93¾
New-York, Chicago and St. Louis	10	10
New-York, Lake Erie and West	27¾	28¾
New-York, Lake Erie and West pref.	56¾	57¾
Northern Pacific	17¾	17¾
Northern Pacific pref.	35¾	35¾
Ohio and Mississippi	8¾	8¾
Ohio and Mississippi pref.	18	18
Ohio and Miss. con. sinking funds	115¾	115¾
Ohio Central	19¾	20
Ontario and Western	13¾	14
Oregon Railway and Navigation	100	100
Oregon Short Line	30	30
Pacific Mail	29¾	30¾
Pacific of Missouri	37	37
Panama	250	250
Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago	132	132
Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis	19	19
Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis pref.	50	50
Quicksilver	7	7
Quicksilver pref.	15	15
Rensselaer and Saratoga	140	140
Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg	112	112
Rochester and Pittsburg	36	36
Rochester and Pittsburg pref.	50	50
Rock Island	119¾	119¾
St. Louis and San Francisco	10	10
St. Louis and San Francisco pref.	40	40
St. Louis and Cedar Rapids	50	50
St. Louis and Cedar Rapids pref.	90	90
St. Paul and Duluth	36	36
St. Paul and Sioux City	50	50
St. Paul and Sioux City pref.	110	110
St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern	47	47
Sutro Tunnel	1¼	1¼
Texas Pacific	15	15
Union Pacific	95¾	96¾
Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific	14	14
Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific pref.	27¾	27¾
Western Union Telegraph	99¾	100
Wells, Fargo and Co.	70	70
United States Express	50	50

The extreme range of prices at Stock and the number of shares sold are as follows:

	Highest.	Lowest.	Shares.
Atlantic and Pac. Telegraph	3¾	3¼	600
American Dist. Telegraph	40	40	100
A., C. B. and Northern	99¾	99¾	100
Central Arizona	1	1	1,000
Chicago, St. Louis and N. O.	9	9	100
Chic., Cin. and Det. Cinn.	10	10	100
Chicago and Eastern Ill.	47	47	100
Chicago, Burl. and Quincy	131¾	131¾	1,000
Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul	29¾	29¾	1,000
Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul pref.	102¾	102¾	100
Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific	119	119¼	1,000
Cleveland and Pittsburg	132	132	100
Consolidation Coal	30	30	100
Colorado Coal and Iron	50	50	100
Delaware, Lackawanna and Western	69¾	70¼	84,400
Dubuque and Sioux City	50	50	100
Excelsior Mining	1	1	1,000
Hannibal and St. Joseph	38¾	38¾	17,600
Hannibal and St. Joseph pref.	70¾	70¾	2,400
Homestake Mining	1	1	1,000
Houston and Texas	30	30	100
Illinois Central	96¼	95¾	1,600
Indianapolis, Bloomington and West	30¾	30¾	100
Central Pacific	37¾	37¾	100
Keokuk and Des Moines	7¾	7¾	100
Keokuk and Des Moines pref.	15	15	100
Lake Shore	61¾	61¾	64,400
Lake Shore and Michigan S.	92¾	92¾	100
Lake Superior	29¾	29¾	100
Lake Superior and Mississippi	4¾	4¾	100
Louisville and Nashville	69¾	69¾	3,800
Louisville, New Albany and Chicago	8¾	8¾	100
Louisville and Nashville	72	72	100
Marietta and Cincinnati	13	13	100
Marietta and Cincinnati 1st pref.	50	50	100
Marietta and Cincinnati 2d pref.	30	30	100
Michigan Central	91¾	91¾	2,700
Mobile and Ohio	24¾	24¾	100
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	34	34¾	12,000
Morris and Essex	109	109¼	3,000
Nash., Chat. and St. Louis	54	54	100
New-Jersey Central	38¾	38¾	42,900
New-York Central	93¾	94¾	17,700
New-York Central scrip	93¾	93¾	100
New-York, Chicago and St. Louis	10	10	100
New-York, Lake Erie and West	27¾	28¾	111,500
New-York, Lake Erie and West pref.	56¾	57¾	2,900
Northern Pacific	17¾	17¾	100
Northern Pacific pref.	35¾	35¾	100
Ohio and Mississippi	8¾	8¾	8,200
Ohio and Mississippi pref.	18	18	100
Ohio and Miss. con. sinking funds	115¾	115¾	100
Ohio Central	19¾	20	1,000
Ontario and Western	13¾	14	5,400
Oregon Railway and Navigation	100	100	100
Oregon Short Line	30	30	100
Pacific Mail	29¾	30¾	9,700
Pacific of Missouri	37	37	100
Panama	250	250	100
Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago	132	132	100
Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis	19	19	100
Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis pref.	50	50	100
Quicksilver	7	7	100
Quicksilver pref.	15	15	100
Rensselaer and Saratoga	140	140	100
Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg	112	112	100
Rochester and Pittsburg	36	36	100
Rochester and Pittsburg pref.	50	50	100
Rock Island	119¾	119¾	100
St. Louis and San Francisco	10	10	100
St. Louis and San Francisco pref.	40	40	100
St. Louis and Cedar Rapids	50	50	100
St. Louis and Cedar Rapids pref.	90	90	100
St. Paul and Duluth	36	36	100
St. Paul and Sioux City	50	50	100
St. Paul and Sioux City pref.	110	110	100
St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern	47	47	100
Sutro Tunnel	1¼	1¼	6,700
Texas Pacific	15	15	100
Union Pacific	95¾	96¾	30,400
Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific	14	14	100
Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific pref.	27¾	27¾	100
Western Union Telegraph	99¾	100	2,700
Wells, Fargo and Co.	70	70	100
United States Express	50	50	100

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Pacific Mail	29¾	30¾	9,700
New-York Central	93¾	94¾	17,700
Erie	27¾	28¾	111,500
Lake Shore	61¾	61¾	64,400
Michigan Central	91¾	91¾	2,700
Illinois Central	95¾	96¼	1,600
Chicago and Alton	112	112	100
Chicago and Alton pref.	117	117	100
Chicago, Burlington and Quincy	131¾	131¾	1,000
Delaware and Hudson Canal	64¾	67	7,800
Delaware, Lackawanna and Western	68¾	71¼	84,400
Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago	132	132	100
Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis	19	19	100
Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis pref.	50	50	100
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SHIPPING.

QUICK FREIGHT.
UNITED STATES MAIL STEAMERS
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL.
Sailing Per Mail Steamer Every Week.
WYOMING.....WEDNESDAY, June 2, 10 A. M.
NEVADA.....TUESDAY, June 8, 2 P. M.
ARIZONA.....TUESDAY, June 15, 11 A. M.
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Steamers are unsurpassed for speed and comfort, and are furnished with every requisite to make the passage across the Atlantic both safe and agreeable, having bath-rooms, smoking-room, library, piano, and other conveniences. The state-rooms are all amidships, and are lighted and ventilated by Gorrie's patent system. Cabin passage, $80 and $100, according to position of state-room. Steerage, $30 to Liverpool, Queenstown, Londonderry, Glasgow, or Belfast. Excellent table. Steerage passengers are provided with bedding, lamps, and cooking utensils. Apply to
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WHITE STAR LINE.
UNITED STATES AND ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.
NOTICE.—The sailing of the steamers of this line will be from Pier No. 45 NORTH RIVER.
BALTIC.....Wednesday, May 26, 7 A. M.
BOTHNIA.....Wednesday, June 2, noon
ALGERIA.....Wednesday, June 9, 2 P. M.
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Steerage tickets to and from all parts of Europe at lowest rates. Through bills of lading issued for baggage to the Continent.
JAMES G. FRANCKLYN, Agent, No. 9 Broadway.

GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY
(French Mail Steamers.)
Company's Pier (new) No. 42 North River, foot of Morton-st.
Travelers by this line avoid both transit by English soil and the discomfort of crossing the Channel.
LA BOURGOGNE.....Saturday, May 29, 10 A. M.
LA NORMANDIE.....Saturday, June 5, 8 A. M.
LA BOURGOGNE.....Wednesday, June 9, 10 A. M.
LA NORMANDIE.....Saturday, June 12, 8 A. M.
Rates, $80 in gold, including wine. Reduced rates for steerage passengers. Steerage passengers are provided with bedding, lamps, and cooking utensils. Steerage passengers are allowed to take with them a sufficient quantity of provisions to last them during the passage. Steerage passengers are furnished with a ticket for a good meal on their arrival at Havre. Steerage passengers are also allowed to land at Havre free of charge, and have the privilege of remaining on board the steamer free of charge for twenty-four hours after her arrival at Havre. Steerage passengers are also allowed to take their baggage with them free of charge

A GIFTED CONFIDENCE MAN

GOOD WORK BY THE SPECIAL TREASURY AGENTS.

THE ENTERTAINING HISTORY OF NOW AN ACCOMPLISHED MIDDLEMAN BAMBOOZLED NEW-YORKERS — FAMILY HEIRLOOMS AS COLLATERAL FOR LOANS—THE SWINDLER ARRESTED.

On March 25 a person of remarkable appearance arrived in this City on the steamship Adriatic, of the White Star Line. In his features he bore a striking resemblance to the accepted portraits of the Saviour, and he had evidently done all in his power to preserve and increase the likeness. His yellowish brown hair was parted carefully in the middle and hung in flowing curls upon his shoulders. His beard was soft and wavy, and had apparently never felt a razor. He was well-dressed in the English style, and was seemingly a man of great culture, with an impressive flow of language. On one of his fingers he wore a diamond ring, the stone in which was six carats in weight, but was greatly off color. It has been appraised as worth probably $400, but was very showy, particularly in the gas-light. His took rooms at the Metropolitan Hotel, and wrote himself on the register as Charles Albert, of London, England. A few days afterward he asked permission to correct this, saying that in the excitement of landing in a new country he had omitted part of his name. He then added the surname "Ashley" to the other two. Among the guests of the Metropolitan is Capt. Adams, chief of the local bureau of the Special Agents of the Treasury. Mr. Albert, or Ashley, was given a seat at the same table with Capt. Adams, and the two struck up an acquaintance, in the course of which the Captain was very favorably impressed. Mr. Ashley's principal topic of conversation was religion, and he discoursed upon it with the fervor of a devotee. After a while it came to Capt. Adams's ears that Mr. Ashley was showing large quantities of precious stones about the hotel. He looked up the gentleman's passenger declaration, and found that nothing of the sort was mentioned in it. He therefore suspected that the goods had probably been smuggled, especially as in the declaration and on the passenger-list the name given was Albert, and he was about to detail an officer to investigate, when Mr. Ashley, or Albert, suddenly disappeared. He had evidently paid the hack-driver to conceal his place of refuge, as that person refused to give any information on the subject. It was learned, however, that he had gone to the Grand Union Hotel, and a detective was put upon his track. In the course of his investigations the latter traced to Ashley several advertisements asking for loans of various amounts and offering to give large bonuses and to deposit collateral of triple value. Following up this clue, a gentleman found who had answered one of these advertisements, but this person treated the officer cavalierly, and refused to give him any information. Subsequently another was discovered in the person of Charles H. Roesler, a Post-Office clerk, and the latter, when informed of what was wanted, told the following story: By dint of severe economy for years, he had scraped together $500. Seeing Ashley's advertisement asking for a loan of that sum, he answered it, and the result was a meeting, at which Ashley represented that he was the heir-relate of the noble Ashley family of England; that he was traveling in this country for pleasure, and that his remittances having failed to arrive, he desired to obtain a temporary loan. He was reluctant, he said, to ask any of his friends for the money, as it would be regarded as a terrible stain on the Ashley escutcheon were it known that one of the scions of the family had been reduced to the necessity of borrowing. He offered Mr. Roesler a bonus of $100, secured by his note for $600, and a quantity of jewelry worth $500, but valued beyond price as family heirlooms. A bargain was struck, and Mr. Roesler received as security for $250 two diamond and ruby rings, one diamond cross, so arranged as to contain a smelling bottle, one diamond pin and one diamond ring. For the other $400 he was given a roughly-wrought cane-head in the form of a dog's head, gorgeously decorated with colored stones. This, Mr. Ashley asserted, had been presented to him by "the King of Africa." Mr. Ashley, before handing over the jewelry, inclosed it in a silk handkerchief, which he sealed with sealing-wax and stamped with his private seal. He impressed upon Mr. Roesler the importance of care in its custody, and the latter immediately went down town and hired a box in a safe deposit company. On reflection, Mr. Roesler saw how foolish he had been to take Ashley's word as to the value of the jewelry, and he took it to a jeweler who offered him $30 for the lot. Then there was a row. Ashley, to quiet Roesler, gave him on two subsequent occasions a diamond ring, a diamond brooch, a gold wand, and a seven-ring, a diamond and sapphire ring, and an enamel and diamond ring, and talked to him so eloquently that he would have been perfectly satisfied had not his attention been called to a number of fresh advertisements, evidently from Ashley. He answered two, and Ashley met him both times in different places. He was about to take summary measures when the detective called upon him.

On learning these facts Capt. Adams, who had meantime secured sufficient evidence of smuggling, at once made a raid upon Ashley's room in the Metropolitan Hotel, and captured the following stuff: One dozen gem rings in case, 1 dozen gem rings in bunch, 1 seal ring, 1 large emerald doublet ring, 1 small emerald doublet ring, 1 sapphire doublet ring, 1 watch chain, 1 sapphire and diamond bracelet, 1 seal stone ring, engraved C. A., 1 paper containing 279 sapphires, 1 gold set of sleeve-buttons and studs, 18 pink stones, 1 white metal locket, 1 gold pencil in form of a cannon, 1 emerald stone, 1 sapphire stone, 1 large and small diamond pin, 7 emerald, 1 pair of emerald ear-rings, 1 pair of sapphire ear-drops, 4 imitation cat's eye scarf pins, 1 imitation cat's eye stone, 2 small white stones, 1 green stone set, in case, 1 paper of assorted stones, 1 paper of uncut stones, 1 lot of imitation cat's eyes, 1 piece of coral, 1 wooden box filled with various stones. They also took from his finger the six-carat diamond ring. The detective, while working up the case, learned that Ashley had been trying to borrow $250 from one of the guests of the Grand Union Hotel on a horse-shoe set with diamonds. This was not found, and it is not known whether he succeeded or not. He says he pawned it, but it is not represented by any of the three pawn-tickets for jewelry found in his possession. The special agents also explained to Ashley's value a bundle of documents marked "private papers." Ashley fought hard to prevent them from taking it, and succeeded in tearing one letter up before he could be prevented. The pieces, having been put together, showed that it was merely a letter from a woman in England, and was filled with protestations of love and upbraidings. It was addressed to C. Albert. Some of the documents were evidently decoys, prepared expressly for the purpose of aiding Ashley in his swindling transactions. There were a number of letter-heads without any name, but with the words "Wholesale Jeweler and Silver-smith," and the address "13 Barbican, London, E. C.," printed on them. Then there was a drawn up lease of the premises No. 13 Barbican, to C. A. Ashley, for three years, from May, 1878, but without seal or revenue stamp. There were a large number of receipted bills for jewelry, written on the bill-heads of various English firms, and made out to C. A. Ashley.

There were several undated letters on Grand Union Hotel paper addressed to London jewelers requesting them to deliver to Mr. Ashley's traveling agent, who was not named, certain stones which they were supposed to be cutting for him. There were also lists of the jewelry above described with fictitious valuations set opposite them. For instance a diamond ring, which was stated at $10, was valued at $2,000, and an emerald ring, worth $8, at $1,650. The entire lot, excluding the ring taken from Ashley's finger, have been appraised at $800. There was one memorandum descriptive of a note given by Ashley to "R. D. Banks" for $700, to take up two notes of $300 each, which is supposed to relate to another swindle. When searched in the hotel, Ashley had a thick roll of $20 notes in his inside waistcoat pocket. He protested against the seizure on the ground that the jewelry was worthless, and, therefore, not subject to duty. When reminded that he had himself represented it as very valuable, he laughed and answered: "If I can make people believe it is valuable, and get them to pay large prices for it, I have a right to do so. It only shows that my brain is so much superior to theirs." The evening after the seizure he visited Mr. Roesler and tragically denounced him as the author of the trouble. "I am a dangerous man," he shouted, "and anybody who crosses my path must be prepared to die." He so terrified Mr. Roesler that the latter refused to have him arrested criminally. He instituted a civil suit against him, however, for the recovery of the $250, and a Deputy sheriff yesterday arrested Ashley in the Special Treasury Agents' office in the Custom-house. Bail in his case was fixed at $600. It is believed that Ashley has a confederate in the person of a man of dark complexion and a black mustache, for whom the detectives are now looking. It is expected that more of his victims will put in an appearance to-day.

HOW THEY RUN THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

The Gould clique of gamblers, aided by specially-prepared articles published in their organ, continued their raid on the stock market yesterday, and during the morning hours succeeded in forcing down prices from ¼ to ¾ per cent. further. Then, having effectually cleared out the outside public and covered their own shorts at low rates, they began circulating reports equal in falsity to those with which they had influenced the downward course of prices, and sent things bounding again. The advance during the afternoon ranged from ½ to 2¼ per cent., the latter in New-York Central, which had previously suffered the heaviest decline. The principal of the rumors alluded to was that Gould and Keene had held a meeting and concluded a new alliance offensive and defensive. This was afterward authoritatively denied. The excitement during a part of the day was intense. The small operators seemed to be utterly panic-stricken, and sold right and left at any price they could obtain, regardless of cost or reason. The recorded transactions on Saturday, the following: Erie, 39,400; Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western, 8,400; Lake Shore, 28,400; New-Jersey Central, 29,800; Western Union, 24,170; Milwaukee and St. Paul, 29,125; Wabash, common, and preferred, 17,770; North-western, 15,100; Missouri, Kansas, and Texas, 12,600; Pacific Mail, 9,700. It is reported as a circumstance worth a parallel in the annals of the Stock Exchange, that the failures of importance have been reported in the face of such a decline in values as has taken place during the past 10 weeks.

REVOLT IN THE PATERSON JAIL.

WARDEN BUCKLEY'S FIGHT WITH DESPERADOES—ONE OF THE PRISONERS ESCAPES.

A bold and desperate attempt at a general jail delivery was made in the Passaic County Jail at Paterson, N. J., yesterday morning. On Monday, two men were sentenced, one to five and the other to six years in State Prison, for breaking into a little workshop, beating the proprietor, and stealing a lot of silk goods; these men were Edward Cross and Samuel Mulligan. The former is a powerful fellow, fully 6 feet high, and strong as an ox. It is believed that he is a professional English thief, although he and Mulligan have followed the trade of silk-weavers in Paterson for some time, in consequence of which these was considerable sympathy expressed for them by their fellow-workmen when the severity of their sentence became known. The convicts appear to have resolved to evade their sentence, if possible, and accordingly laid a plot for a wholesale escape of prisoners from the building. There are about 60 men in the jail at the present time, most of them vicious and desperate rascals, whom it would have been easy to lead into a revolt.

Yesterday morning about 7:30 o'clock, Jail Warden Buckley opened the iron door from the office into the male ward to admit one of the men who had been doing some work in the yard. As he swung the door open and pushed the man in, stepping half way in himself, Edward Cross, who had been standing just inside the door waiting for this opportunity, suddenly seized the Warden by the throat, and cried to the other prisoners, "I've got him." At this Mulligan sprang toward Mr. Buckley, who, with a violent blow, handicapped as he was, knocked the fellow away, and at the same moment gave Cross a shove that released his grip on his throat. Cross again jumped on Mr. Buckley, and a fierce struggle ensued. The Warden appealed to the other prisoners, in consideration of the kindly treatment they had always received at his hands, to assist him now, while Cross sharply called out: "Come on, you cowards! Now's your chance. I've got him."

While the fight was going on, Samuel Tiers, indicted for criminal assault and malpractice, slipped through the half-open door and made good his escape. The Warden saw him, but he preferred to let him go rather than loosen his hold on Cross. Mr. Buckley's wife and his sister-in-law, Miss Mattie Wiley, a very young, slender little lady, hearing the confusion, rushed to the aid of the Warden, and with their fists vigorously pommeled Cross and Mulligan, and managed to partly divert their attention. Miss Wiley, in scratching at Mulligan's face, nearly gouged one of his eyes out, and the pain forced the villain to retire for a time from the struggle. The door had all this time been closed, but now, at Mr. Buckley's request, his wife closed it. Cross vainly trying to prevent the act. It closes with a spring, and cannot possibly be opened from the inside. This discouraged the prisoners, but it seemed to intensify the rage of Cross, who again madly attacked Mr. Buckley. But at this juncture, Komah Nyman, who is awaiting trial on an indictment charging him with the murder of his father, came forward, and seizing the bully, drew him off the Warden. This left the latter free to take his revolver, which was handed to him through the grating of the door by his wife, who was on the outside, and he now had full command of the situation. At his peremptory order every man retired to his cell except Cross, who retreated to the fourth tier of cells, and declared that he would die before he would come down and enter his cell. The Warden told him he would have to die, then, and several of the prisoners advised him to submit, or he would surely be shot. The cowed thief slowly and sullenly came down the stairs and went into his cell, where he was locked up. He and Mulligan will be kept in close confinement until their departure for Trenton to-morrow or Friday.

This is the first time even an attempt to break jail has been made during the incumbency of present Warden—a period of six years—although he has always allowed the prisoners the largest liberty consistent with safety. Nothing has been heard of Tiers, the only prisoner who escaped, and who is a professional pedestrian. The late Grand Jury failed to indict him, for want of sufficient evidence, but recommended that he be held to await the action of the next Grand Jury. His friends had made arrangements to have him released on bail to-day, and the probabilities were all against his ever being indicted. The affair created no little excitement in Paterson yesterday.

NOTABLE GARDEN PARTY.

THE FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARRIAGE OF MR. AND MRS. STOKES.

Mr. and Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage yesterday by a garden party at their country seat, near New-Brighton, Staten Island. The affair was on a grand scale, and will long be remembered by those who had the pleasure of participating in it. The mansion and grounds, which were specially fitted for the purpose, occupy the summit of a gently-sloping declivity, the sides of which are covered with rich green turf and shaded by umbrageous trees, through the interlacing boughs of which the blue waters of the bay are visible. To the right of the mansion smooth-shaven and prettily-shaded lawns were fitted up for archery, croquet, lawn tennis, and other field sports. To the left of the house, and in the shade of another grove, a marquee of parti-colored canvas covered a dancing floor with accommodation for more than 100 dancers. A full orchestra of brass and string instruments furnished music. The house and grounds were tastefully decorated with flowers, and a magnificent floral arch bearing the word "Welcome" in red, on a white border, surmounted the main entrance. More than 750 invitations were issued, and the company included relatives and guests from New-York, Brooklyn, Staten Island, Philadelphia, Washington, and elsewhere. Extra boats ran from Whitehall-street to accommodate the guests from this City.

The company began to assemble at 3 o'clock, but, owing to the heat, the open-air sports were deferred until 5 o'clock. From that time until dusk parties of young people made the groves and green sward gay with merriment. On the dancing-floor, under the marquee, cotillons, waltzes, and polkas followed each other in rapid succession. The supper, by Tinard, included 16 courses, and was a marvel of culinary art. The menu was printed upon exquisitely-tinted card-board, adorned with tastefully-looped favors of magenta silk and cream-colored satin. Each card bore a silk-covered button, one inch in diameter, containing a miniature painting, in oils, of various flowers—roses, pansies, &c. Each painting was executed by hand.

In the evening there was a display of fire-works on the lawn in front of the house, embracing rockets, bombs, cascades, and other pieces. Mr. Stokes's yacht, which lay off shore, was decorated from stem to stern with gayly-colored bunting, and fired a salute in honor of the occasion. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. William B. Dodge, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac N. Phelps, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Norman W. Dodge, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Dodge, Jr.; Mr. John W. Stokes, Gen. Charles Dodge, Mrs. F. F. James and the Misses James, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stokes, Mr. and Mrs. D. Willis James and Miss James.

OPERATIONS WITH STOLEN BONDS.

A few days since the officers of the Bank of the Metropolis, in this City, caused the arrest of Selah C. Carll, in a civil suit begun by the bank, in which they charge him with obtaining advances of money on fraudulent collateral security. Carll was introduced to the bank officers by his brother, G. E. Carll, formerly Treasurer of Queen's County, and in the short interval of a year obtained advances to the amount of $40,000. His collaterals were United States registered bonds. When the bank officers wrote to the Treasury Department to ascertain the status of Carll's bonds, it was learned, in reply, that the bonds had been stolen some time ago, the name of the real owner erased, and Carll's name substituted. Yesterday, President Schell made a complaint before Assistant United States Attorney Fiero, and Mr. Fiero made a charge of forgery against Carll, who is now in Ludlow-Street Jail. The affidavit charges that Carll uttered and passed on Richard Schell, on Dec. 19, 1876, a forged and altered bond, No. 20,488, of the United States funded loan of 1881, bearing interest at 5 per cent., and of the value of $10,000. On this Commissioner Shields issued a warrant, and Carll was formally rearrested in prison.

ELEVATED RAILROAD NUISANCES.

On the 8th inst. many citizens who reside in the neighborhood of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth-street and Third-avenue made an urgent complaint to the Board of Health of nuisances caused by the Third-avenue elevated railroad at that point. They instanced the annoyance caused by clouds of coal-dust, the blowing off of steam, and the oil and dirty water falling from the track. Dr. S. A. Goldschmidt, Inspector of Offensive Trades, reported yesterday to the Board of Health that only the selection of another coaling station, remote from a thoroughfare, will do away with the first two causes of complaint. The other cause of complaint need not exist with proper care, although complaints of the nuisance come from all points along the line. The report was sent to the elevated railroad company. Certain sanitary improvements in Public School No. 38, in East Seventy-ninth-street, recommended by Inspector Viele, were ordered to be carried out.

A MUSEUM BURNED.

The curiosities in the Dime Museum, No. 206 Bowery, were nearly all destroyed by fire yesterday morning. It is supposed that a spark from an elevated railroad train fired a transparency on the third floor. The flames, when discovered, had crept into the building between a dressing-room and Prof. Rogers's Punch and Judy show. Only Chester Russell, a watchman, was in the building, and he gave a hearty alarm. When the fire-engines arrived the flames had swept through the third floor, licking up Punch and Judy, commercial views, Gen. Warren's death, and the Continental Congress, which was made for the Centennial Exhibition at a cost of $5,000. The fourth floor was used as a store-room and work-shop. In it was an orchestrion to be placed on the roof, and a large quantity of clothing, valued at $500, and was badly damaged. The fire was checked after it had swept away the contents of the third floor and some of the property on the fourth floor. The lower floors were deluged by water. Ulmer & Middleton, the proprietors, estimate their loss at $8,000. They are insured for $3,000. The building was damaged $500. Prof. Rogers's loss is about $1,500, and he is insured.

MR. WHEELER'S SUCCESSOR.

COL. JOEL W. MASON CONFIRMED AS POLICE COMMISSIONER.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen, yesterday, 20 out of the 22 members were present. After some unimportant papers had been disposed of, President Morris called up the communication of the Mayor nominating Mr. Mason for Police Commissioner for the unexpired term of Mr. Wheeler.

Alderman McClave said that it gave him great pleasure to move that the nomination be confirmed.

Alderman Jacobus—And I second the motion.

The roll was then called, and Mr. Mason was confirmed by 20 votes, being those of all present. These included all the Republican and Anti-Tammany Aldermen and the Tammany members present. The only absentees were Alderman Slevin and Keenan. The latter is now at Baltimore. Mr. Slevin, however, came in later to the chamber, and asked that his vote be recorded in favor of Mr. Mason. While this was being done by the Clerk, one of the Aldermen exclaimed, "Slevin, you're good for one policeman."

President Morris then declared that Mr. Mason had been confirmed as a Police Commissioner.

Mayor Cooper subsequently notified Mr. Mason that he had been confirmed by the Board of Aldermen, and he appeared before him later and took the oath of office, and later in the day he took his seat at the Police Board.

Mr. Joel W. Mason, the new Police Commissioner, was born in this City about 55 years ago. He has been in business here as a manufacturer of chairs for nearly a quarter of a century, and he has accumulated a large fortune by his extensive trade. Mr. Mason has been connected with the Republican Party from its infancy. He has held the office of School Trustee from the Twentieth Ward for a long period. About a year ago Mayor Cooper appointed him a School Commissioner, a position which he resigned before taking the oath of office as a member of the Police Board. He has been repeatedly elected Chairman of the Republican Central Committee of this county, and he is now a member of the Executive Committee of that body. At the outbreak of the rebellion he was Adjutant of the Sixth Regiment of New-York Militia, of which Gen. Joseph C. Pinckney was the Colonel, and he went with the organization to the field. After three months' service they returned to this City, and Mr. Mason was made Colonel of the regiment, which office he held for 13 years. Last Winter Gov. Cornell nominated him for Commissioner of Emigration and he was confirmed by the Senate, but he subsequently declined to serve.

CURIOSITIES AT AUCTION.

HINDU GODS, ORIENTAL STUFFS, AND EGYPTIAN RELICS FINDING PURCHASERS.

The sale of Mr. W. J. Shaw's miscellaneous collection of curiosities, Egyptian and Assyrian antiquities, Oriental stuffs, &c., which has been on exhibition for some time at G. A. Leavitt & Co.'s art-rooms, No. 817 Broadway, began yesterday at the art-rooms. There was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen, but the rooms were too hot to permit of much animation, and the bidding rarely became lively. Some of the lots sold for very much less than their value, while others brought very good prices. As a whole, the prices obtained were fair. Among the first lots sold was a vasted assortment of odds and ends, including Hindu cups, religious beads, and nest boxes, Musulman prayer cups, Cashmere cups, boxes, and ornaments, Chinese ivory fans, Japanese ornaments, Egyptian and Sumatra and the like. A Malay kris, with ivory handle and sheath, sold for $12; another, serpent blade, for $8, and another, inlaid blade, $18 75. A heavy East India sword, went for $12, and two ugly little Sumatra idols brought only $3 50. A tiny Hindu image, sold for 60 cents, while $2 50 was obtained for Buddha upon an altar, in stone, from the great Temple of Ongkor. Several small boxes of rough sapphires of Ceylon and Siam, and other precious stones brought from 30 cents to $3 each. For a cork from the Pyramid of Cheops, and a Roman aqueduct $13 were paid, and the same price was obtained for the silk outer dress of an Arab chief. Several bronze heads of Buddha sold for from 40 cents to $1 50. The full-dress silver jewelry of a Maranite lady, of Syria, sold for a little over $20.

Then came 40 lots of ancient Egyptian antiquities, most of the lots selling at small figures. A valuable bronze plate containing figures and inscription, found in Asia Minor, was knocked down for $10. The buyers got thirty weeks' wages for several ancient Assyrian seals were offered, and the lots went off rapidly at prices ranging from $6 to $23. A magnificent silk and gold table-cover brought only $17, and an equally fine lady's India opera cloak sold for only $8. Cashmere shawls were sold at prices ranging at $5 and $12. The only large figures reached were for two elegant French vases, the last lots of the day, which sold for $70 each. The sale will be continued to-day and to-morrow. Several very valuable mummy cases and a large number of Assyrian seals and other relics are on display in the catalogue. The sale of paintings by the old masters will take place to-morrow evening.

"GEORGE ELIOT'S" MARRIAGE.

The formal announcement in THE TIMES yesterday of the marriage of John Walter Cross to Mary Ann Evans Lewes, in London, recalls the disputed question as to whether or not the bride was the first wife of the late George Henry Lewes, the author, or Marian Evans, better known as "George Eliot, the novelist," who lived with Lewes after his separation from his first wife. A TIMES reporter called yesterday upon a well-known gentleman of this City, who was a friend of the late of John Walter Cross, and learned from him that the lady who has married his relative is really "George Eliot," and not the lady who bore the legal title of Mrs. Lewes. Mr. Cross is 20 years the junior of his bride, but is, according to his relatives, infatuated with the latter's charming and charming conversational powers of the eminent author. As proof of the fact that Mr. Cross did not "marry for money" it is stated that he insisted on having his wife's large fortune settled upon the children of her original husband, Mr. Lewes. Mr. Cross and Mrs. Cross are now enjoying an extended tour through Italy and the Tyrol. They are expected to return to England in August, when their future home is to be at Chelsea, on the Thames Embankment.

DR. PALMER'S CLEVER CAPTURE.

While riding in a DeKalb-avenue car yesterday, Dr. E. Palmer, of No. 270 Clinton-street, Brooklyn, thought he recognized among the passengers a man who had made an appointment, which he failed to keep, to have his lungs examined, and who answered exactly the description of a man who had robbed a number of doctors' offices. At Jay-street the suspected man got out, and Dr. Palmer, seizing him by the collar, took him to the First Precinct Station-house. He was recognized by the Police as an old offender, and at the Central Office he was identified by a number of people whose houses he had robbed. The prisoner said his name was William Clark, and that that he resided at 61 Nic 37 Nostrand-avenue. He was held on a complaint made by Dr. Wyckoff, whose servant identified Clark as a man suspected of stealing a coat from her employer's office. A skeleton key was found on the prisoner, and also a large silver medal bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Constantine Maulbe, Assistant Surgeon of the steam-ship Greece, for rescuing passengers and crew of steam-ship Egypt, April 2, 1874." The medal was probably stolen by Clark.

ASSAULTED IN A POLICE COURT.

Betsey Goldberg, a Jewess, of No. 36 Eldridge-street, charged in the Essex Market Police Court before Justice Wandell, last week, that she was struck by Mary Anderson, a tenant of the same premises. The magistrate fined the latter $5. On the following day and several times thereafter, Mrs. Goldberg tried to get a warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Anderson's husband for assault and battery. She did not succeed, however, and yesterday Mr. Goldberg complained to Justice Otterbourg that his wife had told him that Henry Traitten, the Court interpreter, had refused to allow her to reach the Justice unless paid $5. The magistrate called both Mr. and Mrs. Goldberg into the examination-room, where the woman denied ever having made such a statement. The moment she said the words Traitten drew back his hand and struck Goldberg a blow on the neck that sent him reeling against the wall. The magistrate rebuked the court attaché, who then apologized to Goldberg. Justice Otterbourg subsequently declared that he took no action in the matter of the assault because no complaint was made, and also said he rather sympathized with Traitten than otherwise.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

Robert Garrett, of Baltimore, is at the Hotel Brunswick.

Gen. N. Michler, United States Army, is at the New-York Hotel.

Gen. John Love, of Indiana, is at the Astor House.

Ward H. Lamon, of Washington, is at the St. James Hotel.

Gen. A. S. Diven, of Elmira, is at the Hoffman House.

Erastus Corning, of Albany, and Dewitt C. Ellis, of Rochester, are at the Gilsey House.

Victor Drummond, Secretary of the British Legation at Washington, is at the Brevoort House.

Leverett Saltonstall, of Boston, and M. E. Ingalls, of Cincinnati, are at the Windsor Hotel.

Ex-Gov. Henry Howard, of Rhode Island; William McMichael, of Philadelphia, and James F. Joy, of Detroit, are at the Fifth-Avenue Hotel.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

Henry B. Cohen, who was attacked by one of his discharged employes, in Hoboken, Sunday night, is not connected with the Astor House barber shop.

James A. Wilkenson, of No. 211 East Eighty-first-street, a fireman, employed by the Law Telegraph Company, was instantly killed yesterday by falling through a hatchway on the third floor of No. 81 Park-place.

The ship Ragna, which arrived from Antwerp yesterday, passed the abandoned wreck of the bark Ulster, of St. Johns, on April 15, in latitude 47° 21' and longitude 38° 37'. The wreck appeared to be full of water.

Adrian H. Austin, a married man, of No. 216 West Forties-street was yesterday held in $2,000 bail for trial by Justice Murray on a charge of criminally assaulting Julia Farrell, a young woman in his employ.

The Norwegian bark Mantik, from Salina Cruz, was run into while anchored at Quarantine, yesterday afternoon, by the schooner Zeno. The bark lost her jib-boom and cutwater, while the schooner was uninjured.

The Young Men's Hebrew Association of Harlem will give a musical, literary, and dramatic entertainment, followed by a reception, at the Harlem Music Hall, Third-avenue and One Hundred and Thirtieth-street, Monday evening.

In consequence of preparations for the annual receptions, the free reading-room and library of the Cooper Union will be closed to-day and to-morrow, but will be open on Friday and Saturday from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M., and thereafter as usual.

The down-town merchants are framing a protest, for transmission to Albany, against any further delay in the action of the Legislature in regard to the proposed change in the Constitution providing for a sinking fund on behalf of the canals.

Mr. L. M. Frank has sent to this office $2, which he desires may be the nucleus of a deserved testimonial to old Mr. Nagle, whose unsuccessful efforts to obtain a pension were recently narrated in THE TIMES, from those in whose behalf his five sons fell.

The bark Crown Jewell, of St. John, which arrived from Rotterdam yesterday, passed large quantities of floating ice and several icebergs on the eastern edge of the Banks. Capt. Crosby says that one of these bergs was 200 feet high, and nearly as large as Staten Island.

Since the last strike of the longshoremen the stevedores generally have been paying 40 cents an hour for day work. P. H. Welch, a stevedore, employed at the new stone pier, No. 1 North River, declined to pay more than 30 cents an hour yesterday, and his men refused to go to work.

Capt. Douglass, of the schooner Stephen Bennett, which arrived from Pernambuco yesterday, reports that on March 14, while the vessel was lying at anchor in the San Francisco River, George Fullam, the chief mate, died of typhus fever. His remains were buried on shore. Mr. Fullam was 34 years of age, and belonged in Rocksport, Me.

The ship Great Surgeon, of Boston, arrived from Iloilo yesterday, after a passage of 121 days. On March 22, a few days before the Cape of Good Hope was passed, Capt. Kingman died of heart disease, and his body was buried at sea. The mate, Mr. Kelley, took command of the ship. Capt. Kingman was 52 years of age, and a native of New-England.

Thomas Salters, on the 12th inst., gained access to the sleeping-room of Louis Groth, proprietor of a lager-beer saloon at No. 338 West Thirty-ninth-street. Securing the clothing of Groth and his bar-keeper, who were soundly sleeping, Salters took them to the roof, where he left them, carrying off, however, Groth's gold watch-chain, and ring valued at $250. Judge Cowing, in General Sessions, yesterday sentenced him to six years in the State Prison.

Frederick Wagner, aged 45, a cigar-dealer, of No. 236 Rivington-street, committed suicide yesterday by hanging. He was prosperous, but ill-health and the sickness of members of his family unsettled his mind. Recently he was robbed of a valuable watch, and the loss worried him greatly. He had recently established his son in a lager-beer saloon on Willett-street, and visited him yesterday morning. He returned home, ate his dinner, and an hour later was found hanging to a beam in the cellar by his wife.

The body of an unknown man, apparently about 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, of light complexion, having red hair and beard, and attired in diagonal cloth coat and vest, black pantaloons with blue stripes, button gaiters, red undershirt and white outside shirt, and a red handkerchief tied about his neck, was found yesterday afternoon on the sound near Port Morris. On the person of the dead man was a Roosevelt-Street Ferry ticket. The remains were somewhat decomposed, and there was a hole in the forehead resembling, somewhat, a pistol-bullet wound.

Calvin Olmstead, a well-known farmer of Cairo, Greene County, fell into the hands of the Twenty-fourth-street gang of horse-thieves yesterday. He had been commissioned by a neighbor to buy a horse, and visited what he supposed to be the stables of a reputable firm. A horse was shown him. The dealer's accomplice was promptly on hand, and professed to want the animal. He got Mr. Olmstead to buy the horse for him, and when Mr. Olmstead took out his pocket-book to pay a deposit, the dealer snatched the wallet and ran away. He was arrested and held for trial at the Yorkville Police Court.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Tax-Payers' Central Association was held last evening at No. 240 Third-avenue, Mr. F. A. Cassidy in the chair. The President said he had waited on Commissioner Campbell and asked him to repair the pavements in First and Second avenues that had been broken in erecting the columns for the elevated railroad. Dr. M. J. B. Messemer reported that he had been before the Senate Railroad Committee with a delegation from the Board of Trade and Transportation and the Chamber of Commerce in regard to the Anti-Freight Discrimination and Railroad Commissioners bills.

William H. Lauer, aged 20, son of a wealthy wholesale grocer at One Hundred and Sixty-third-street and Delmonico-place, was convicted of manslaughter in the fourth degree, a few days since, in General Sessions. While driving a wagon at a reckless pace along Third-avenue in October last, he ran over a laborer named Maurice Healy, inflicting injuries which resulted in the death of the latter. On the trial Lauer proved an excellent character from childhood, and the jury, in rendering their verdict, strongly recommended him to the mercy of the court. Recorder Smyth yesterday sentenced Lauer to 60 days' imprisonment in the City Prison and a fine of $500. This was the case in which the capture of the prisoner was effected by Mr. D. B. Scofield, Crier of Part II. of the General Sessions Court.

BROOKLYN.

The regatta of the Atlantic Yacht Club occurs on Wednesday, June 9, and not to-day, as was erroneously stated in THE TIMES yesterday.

There will be four vacancies in the ambulance service on the 1st of July, the terms of the Ambulance Surgeons now in office expiring at that time.

The Rev. S. Miller Hageman challenges Col. Robert Ingersoll to meet him in public debate and discuss the question covering all the topics on which Col. Ingersoll has lately spoken, viz.: "Is it true that Christianity is incompatible with reason?"

The inspection of the Second Division was continued yesterday, the Thirty-second Regiment, Col. John Rueger commanding, passing in review before Assistant Inspector-General Rodenbough. The men wore fatigue uniforms, and carried their knapsacks, blankets, overcoats, and guns, and, as the heat was intense, a number of them became sick during the inspection.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

The body of Peter W. Dolan, who accidentally fell overboard from the steamer City of Troy, on the Hudson River, when opposite Yonkers, about two weeks ago, has been found floating near the depot at Glenwood Station, just above Yonkers.

The beautiful little island known as "Hunter's Island," the two small islands close by it, commonly called "The Twins," and also a smaller island called "Cathriars Island," altogether comprising about 180 acres of land, and located in Long Island Sound, off New-Rochelle, were sold at public auction yesterday to the Executors of the estate of Jacobus C. Kingland, deceased, for $102,000. The islands are valuable pieces of property. The Twins, consisting of wild and picturesque land, and connected with Hunter's Island by a bridge.

LONG ISLAND.

The Queens County Medical Society held its semi-annual meeting yesterday, at the County Asylum, near Mineola, and, among other business, adopted a preamble and resolutions protesting in strong terms against the proposed displacement of Dr. John Ordronaux as State Commissioner in Lunacy. The bill passed by the Legislature provides that the Commissioner shall be chosen from among the members of the State Board of Charities, and the point is made that the office should be filled by a professional man well skilled in the diagnosis of lunacy in all its phases.

NEW-JERSEY.

The Paterson Light Guard, 123 officers and men, were mustered into the National Guard of New-Jersey last night by Col. Howard, of Gen. Plume's staff.

William H. Eaton, an ex-policeman, who has been doing business as a private detective since his dismissal from the Police Department, was arrested in Jersey City yesterday, on a technical charge of obtaining money and jewelry under false pretenses from Mrs. Matilda Demming, a widow of 60, who resides at 91 Jefferson-street. Newark. The amount involved is about $100. Eaton admitted having received the money, but said it was in payment for his services for recovering her $1,000 of pension money. Mrs. Demming told Justice Lane that Eaton had broken a solemn promise to marry her; but she cared less for that than for the recovery of her property. Eaton was held in $500 bonds.

The trial of Casper Rhoda for the murder of Daniel Stylon, came to a sudden termination in the Union County Court, at Elizabeth, yesterday. The prisoner, through his counsel, offered to plead guilty to manslaughter, and the plea was accepted. He was remanded for sentence.

An order was entered in the Passaic County Court, at Paterson, permitting the $10,000 bonds required from Dalzell, who shot young Van Houten during the Garfield Jubilee riot, to be divided among several bondsmen. It was impossible to procure one bondsman on account of threatening letters.

KINGS COUNTY CHARITIES.

GOOD WORK UNDONE BY THE RING COMMISSIONERS.

When counsel for Moses Kessel, who is contesting the seat of Charities Commissioner Zeiser, obtained an order on Monday vacating the stay of proceedings which made a recent decision of the General Term ousting Zeiser temporarily inoperative, Commissioner Storms called a special meeting of the board for 1 o'clock yesterday. At the last two meetings of the board Commissioner Zeiser, acting with Commissioners Shipman and Henry, had removed a number of sinecurists from the department, and cut down expenses generally. Storms and Ryan, who are Ring Democrats, attended at the special meeting, with the aid of Kessel's votes, to undo the work of the two preceding meetings. The board met at the appointed time, but in the meanwhile Justice Gilbert granted an order renewing the stay of proceedings in the Kessel-Zeiser case pending an appeal to the Court of Appeals. This stay reached the Almshouse at Flatbush just as the board convened, and it was read. The Ring Commissioners utterly ignored the stay, and, with Kessel's vote, rescinded the resolutions discharging sinecurists and cutting down expenses passed at the two preceding meetings. Both Commissioners Shipman and Henry protested, and the former, who is Chairman, requested the clerk not to record the proceedings. The clerk, however, did record the proceedings, and some sharp words were exchanged between the Commissioners. It is generally believed that Storms and Ryan can and will be punished for contempt of court in ignoring Judge Gilbert's order.

PASSENGERS FOR EUROPE.

The steam-ships St. Laurent, of the French Line; the Gallia, of the Cunard Line, and the Saale, of the North German Lloyd, will sail for Europe to-day. Capoul, Anglin, Paola Marié, and the other members of Maurice Grau's French opera troupe are among the passengers of the St. Laurent. Mr. Theodore Thomas sails in the Gallia. The cabin lists of the French and German steamers are appended:

In steam-ship St. Laurent, for Havre.—Joseph Cazenobe, Mrs. Cazenobe, Mrs. A. Marian and child, Mr. Mlle. Marie Roze, Mr. Capoul, Mr. Anglin, Mrs. Anglin and child, E. H. White, Mrs. Rogerson, Mrs. A. Triman, Mrs. C. Leverich, D. Burke, J. Durand, J. G. C. Cottier, Mrs. C